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COMMENT OF THE DAY

NATO TALKS

ONE of the main topics at the 15-nation Nato "summit" conference which opens in Paris today is certain to be the United States' offer to supply European members of Nato with guided missiles. Britain was the first European member to accept the offer, which is stated to be conclusion by America of bilateral agreements with any member, the model to be that now under negotiation with Britain.

So far Turkey and Italy are reported willing to accept missiles, while Norway and Denmark have rejected them. Greece has not taken a definite stand yet. The West German attitude is that the time is not yet ripe for her to make a decision as American missiles will not be available in quantity until late next year.

The decision of France will be awaited with interest. She is reported not to be opposed, in principle, to the setting up of missile launching ramps on her soil, but it remains to be seen whether she will link acceptance with other matters, such as economic aid or support for her policies in North Africa.

Control

A THORNY question is bound to be that concerning control over decision to use missiles with nuclear warheads from European territory. There will be support for the missiles being in the hands of Europeans with the nuclear warheads remaining under the control of the United States. This would necessitate a joint European-American decision before they could be used, with the disadvantage that it would take considerable time—when minutes might be vital in a nuclear war—to obtain agreement of all Nato countries.

Other views will be advanced but surely the most practical solution would be to leave power of decision in this regard to Nato itself in the person of the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

Nato decisions on guided missiles, in fact on all nuclear discussions, will be made easier by America's amendment of her atomic energy laws which will permit of more information being available to her Western allies. Announcement by President Eisenhower of intent to amend the laws during the conference can pave the way for closer collaboration and more mutual understanding.

COMPROMISE PLAN FOR NATO

'Two Fingers On Trigger' Of US-Supplied N-Weapons To Allies

By K.C. THALER

Paris, Dec. 15.

A compromise was shaping up in the Western Alliance today to keep "two fingers"—an American and European—"on the trigger" of US-supplied nuclear weapons, authoritative diplomatic sources disclosed.

Ike To Make Spectacular Proposals?

By JOHN EARLE

Paris, Dec. 16.

There was some speculation here today that President Eisenhower might announce spectacular proposals to counter the latest Soviet "letter" offensive when the 15-nation Nato "summit" conference opens here at mid-day today.

Observers recalled President Eisenhower's surprise proposals at the Geneva "summit" conference on open sides, disarmament inspection.

President Eisenhower will open the conference with a 12-minute speech, which he drafted yesterday.

Two hours before conference opening, the President was meeting Mr Harold Macmillan, the British Prime Minister, at the US Embassy here.

3-POINT AGENDA

The conference, which is to last till Wednesday or Thursday, will have before it a simple three-point agenda:

- ★ Opening addresses by all heads of government.
 - ★ Problems facing the Alliance, including discussion on Soviet intentions and policies.
 - ★ Approval of the communiqué, and a declaration of interdependence.
- The declaration of interdependence will be the main political document emerging from the conference, as a reaffirmation of the Western world's faith in unity and community of purpose.—Reuter.

The compromise was expected to speed establishment of intermediate ballistic missile bases on the European continent.

Under this plan, the United States would maintain control of nuclear warheads for missiles delivered to her Nato allies. But the decision to fire them will be shared between the US and the European nation on whose territory the weapons are stored, according to the compromise.

Who Pulls

The question of who pulls the trigger of nuclear weapons in the Nato Alliance has for some time past caused grave fears among the non-atomic powers, notably the smaller European countries.

These fears were increased by the advent of missiles which are to become part of the Nato defence shield against Soviet might.

The United States is ready to supply "intermediate" ballistic missiles to its Allies. But Washington wants to maintain control over nuclear warheads because of commitments dictated by American legislation.

Major Change

European nations resented this apparent lack of trust in them. On the other hand, the European allies also feared a decision to use the missiles might be taken by the US without consultation with them.

The Nato allies do not now expect a major change in the US McMahon Act which restricts exchange of American nuclear information with other nations. But the United States is expected to make nuclear capacity more readily available to the Nato defence shield because of the current effort for closer "inter-dependence."

Co-operation

Under these arrangements the US will establish "dumps" of nuclear warheads for missiles in those European countries which agree by bilateral treaty to establishment of missile bases on their soil, the sources said.

The individual country will operate the missile. The United States will hold the warheads. Neither side will be able to shoot off a missile without consent and co-operation of the other. There will thus be "two fingers on the trigger," the sources said.

Recommendations

Warheads may be stored "next door" to the range and they will be guarded by a US Military detachment which will co-operate with national staff of the launching base.

The Nato summit conference was expected to ask General Lauris Norstad, Nato Commander-in-Chief, to present shortly recommendations on establishment of stocks of tactical atomic weapons in Europe. These recommendations are to be completed before the March Nato meeting here which is to set the new Western defence pattern of Europe.—United Press.

Renault Dead

Paris, Dec. 15. A French court ruled today that French motor car pioneer, Louis Renault, died of natural causes and not as the result of torture in prison shortly after the war.

The industrialist's widow had brought charges against unknown persons for murder by torture, allegedly inflicted at Fresnes prison in 1944.—France-Press.

RIOT POLICE TAKE PRECAUTIONS IN PARIS

Paris, Dec. 15.

Some 4,000 steel-helmeted riot police plus blustery winter weather headed off a threatened right-wing demonstration against President Eisenhower and Nato here tonight.

Trouble had been expected along the broad, tree-lined Champs Elysees, where police reinforcements were heaviest. A group of war veterans picketed the Arc de Triomphe, but demonstrators failed to show up.

At exactly 8.30 pm the Flame of the Unknown Soldier was relighted by a group of blind war veterans. There was no demonstration as the ceremony took place.

Squads of police seven abreast and two deep walked briskly up and down the Champs Elysees Boulevard leading up to the Arc de Triomphe. They broke up any groups of more than eight persons gathered on the sidewalk.

CHAILLOT PALACE

During these "mop-up" operations police took to the streets about 25 persons, and held them in patrol wagons until the flame ceremony had been performed. They then released them.

Large-scale police precautions were taken as Communists threatened to stage a demonstration near the Chaillot Palace, scene of tomorrow's momentous 15-nation "summit" conference.

Throughout the bitterly cold night police ringed the Palace where the Heads of Government Conference opens.

The Communist-led General Confederation of Trade Unions (CGT) has called on its supporters to appear before the Palace headquarters of Nato to demand a "policy of peace." —United Press and Reuter.

Building Wrecked

Caracas, Dec. 15.

A bomb explosion wrecked a 24-apartment building in suburban Zapara, it was reported today.

Alberto Diaz Gonzalez, Director of the Workers Bank, said that the building was so badly damaged that it must be razed and rebuilt.—United Press.

—NY SUBWAY STRIKE TALKS— —COLLAPSE AGAIN—

New York, Dec. 15. Desperate weekend efforts to "clarify" the proposal. The Union will vote on what to do next at a meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Strike leaders rejected a peace proposal made by Mayor Robert F. Wagner and 1,100 striking motormen cheered a declaration that the walkout will continue until four Union leaders are released from jail. Louis Waldman, counsel for the strikers, said he and strike

56 HOURS IN A HOLE!



A party of four youths and two girls were brought to safety last Monday after having spent 56 hours in the depths of Providence Pot, 200 feet below the moors near the West Riding Village of Kettlewell, Yorkshire. Photo shows 10-year-old Joan Smith, one of the two girl members of the party, being helped out of the hole.—Keystone.

FOOT GOES TO SEE CYPRIOT TURKISH LEADERS

Nicosia, Dec. 15.

Sir Hugh Foot, new Governor of Cyprus, told Cypriot-Turkish leaders today that while he had ample forces to maintain public order on the island it was much more important to avoid disorder than to deal with it.

A crowd of Turks cheered and clapped Sir Hugh as he drove away after his one-hour meeting with Turkish leaders in the Turkish sector of Nicosia.

NEW POLICY

This meeting with Turks, headed by Dr Fadil Kutchuk, was part of his policy to go out and meet the people of Cyprus. A few days ago he visited the Greek-Cypriot Mayor of Nicosia.

An official statement issued after the meeting today said Dr Kutchuk made a long statement of the island's situation and future policy.

In his reply, the Governor stressed the need to remove animosity between the island's Greek and Turkish populations and to avoid disturbances.—Reuter.

Servicemen Pelted With Stones

Nicosia, Dec. 15.

Two Cypriots were wounded when British troops opened fire on a hostile crowd at Akanthou village, north-western Cyprus, this afternoon, it was officially stated.

An official account said six British servicemen in civilian clothes off duty were driving through Akanthou village when they were heavily stoned by a Cypriot crowd.

EXTRICATE

Three of the soldiers were injured and their car damaged. A patrol called in to help them also met heavy stoning, and the troops fired to extricate themselves.

The report added that two Cypriots were thought to have been hit.—Reuter.

Dutch Nationals In Indonesia

Mass Evacuation Starts On December 20

Djakarta, Dec. 16.

The Dutch diplomatic mission announced last night that extra sailings had been arranged from Java ports to speed up the repatriation of Dutch nationals from Indonesia.

The mission in a statement said "the Indonesian Government has promised to co-operate fully."

The eight sailings announced will begin on December 20. Advised

In last night's announcement the Dutch Government advised all nationals who wished to repatriate shortly to apply for exit permits now.

Dutch nationals living outside the ports of departure were told they should not leave the place of residence until they had received word that their passage had been booked.

There were no facilities for accommodation at Sourabaya, Semarang or Djakarta.

The Dutch Red Cross reckons to evacuate between 6,000 and 8,000 Dutch nationals from Indonesia within the next few months. But other ships might become available in the meantime and the repatriation rate might be speeded up.

Few Months

There are 40,000 to 50,000 Dutch in Indonesia, among them about 7,000 to 8,000 in Sumatra, where the situation is not yet as bad as in Java, and who can afford to wait.

If all goes well, all European Dutch nationals will be evacuated within the next few months.

Dutch houses in Djakarta's residential district are now almost empty. The residents are still there but furniture has been packed and moved to dock warehouses.

The public prosecutor has been appointed chairman of the committee supervising the transfer of properties.—Reuter and France-Press.

Soldier Shot

Oslo, Dec. 15.

A Norwegian soldier in the United Nations Emergency Force in the Suez Area was shot dead by an unknown person at Rafah Camp today, according to information reaching here.

The soldier, Asbjorn Ingolf Gjerdum, was on guard when he was shot.—Reuter.

BRITON REACHES POLE

London, Dec. 15.

A world copyright message in the Daily Mail today announced that its correspondent, Noel Barber, reached the South Pole yesterday, thus being the sixth Briton to do so and the first for 45 years since Scott's party of five reached it in 1912.

Mr Barber flew from McMurdo Sound base in an American transport plane which made a ski landing. He is remaining with a small American party based at the pole.

The message from Mr Barber said that it was uncertain when conditions would be safe for a take-off for the return journey.—Reuter.

THERE ARE IMITATIONS

Tokyo, Dec. 15.

The designs of most of the Japanese textiles exported to Southeast Asia are "imitations" of foreign designs, an official of the Japan Textile Design Centre said on Saturday.

Katsutoshi Nomachi, Director of the Design Centre, made the statement on Saturday upon his return from a three-month trip abroad studying designs. Nomachi called on Japanese manufacturers to produce their own original designs.—United Press.

Bomb Damage

Beirut, Dec. 15.

A bomb was thrown at the law court building here today. Damage was done to the structure.—France-Press.

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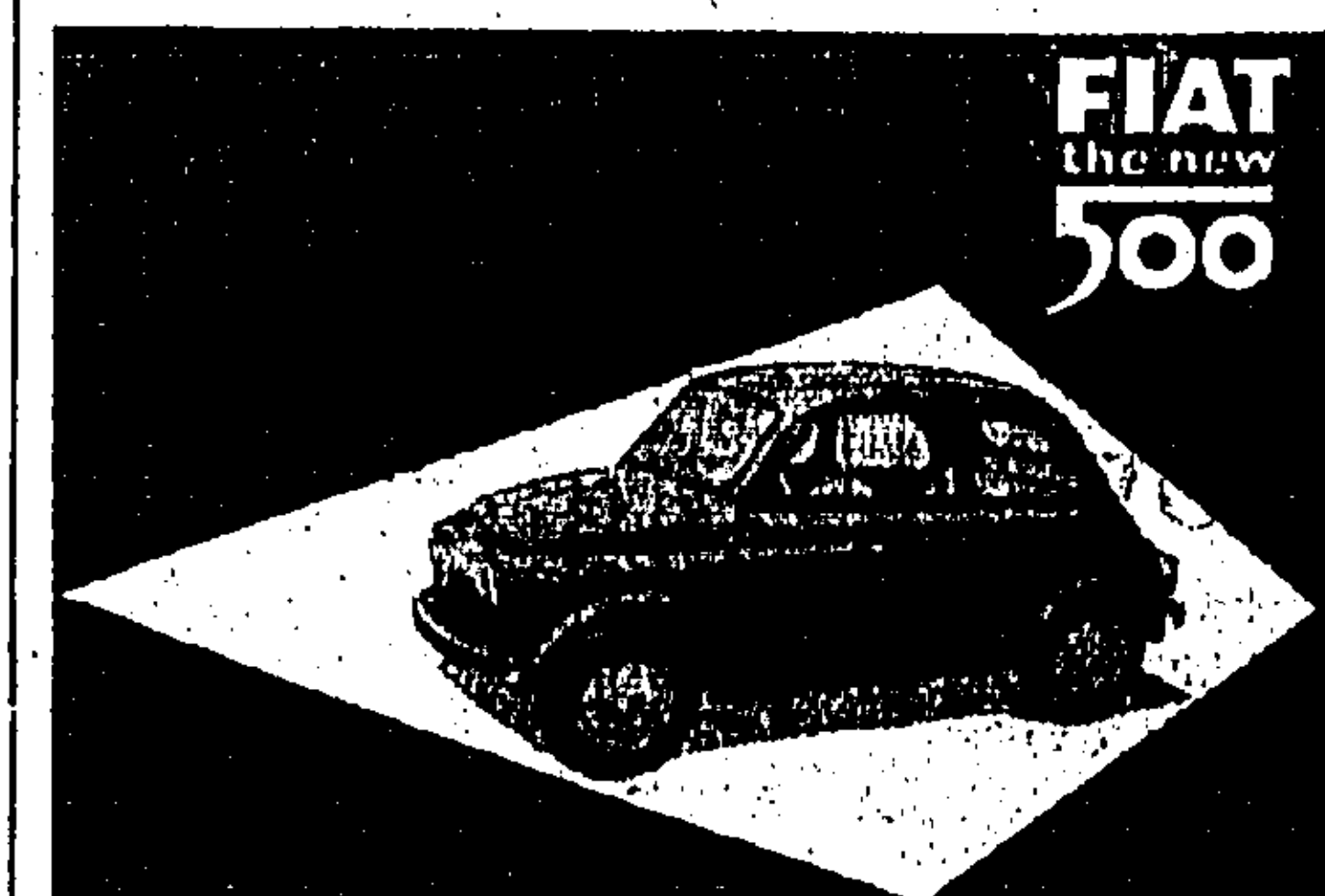
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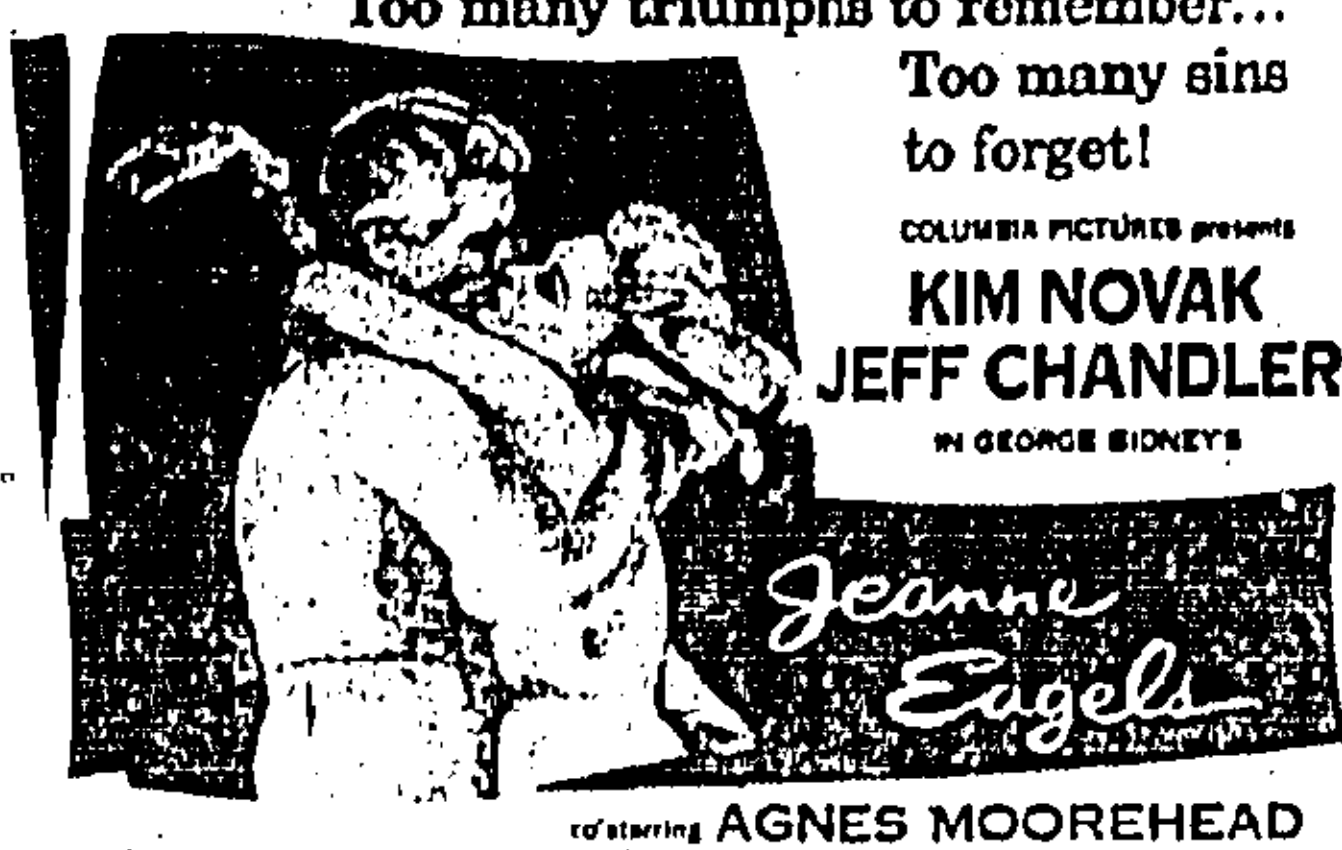
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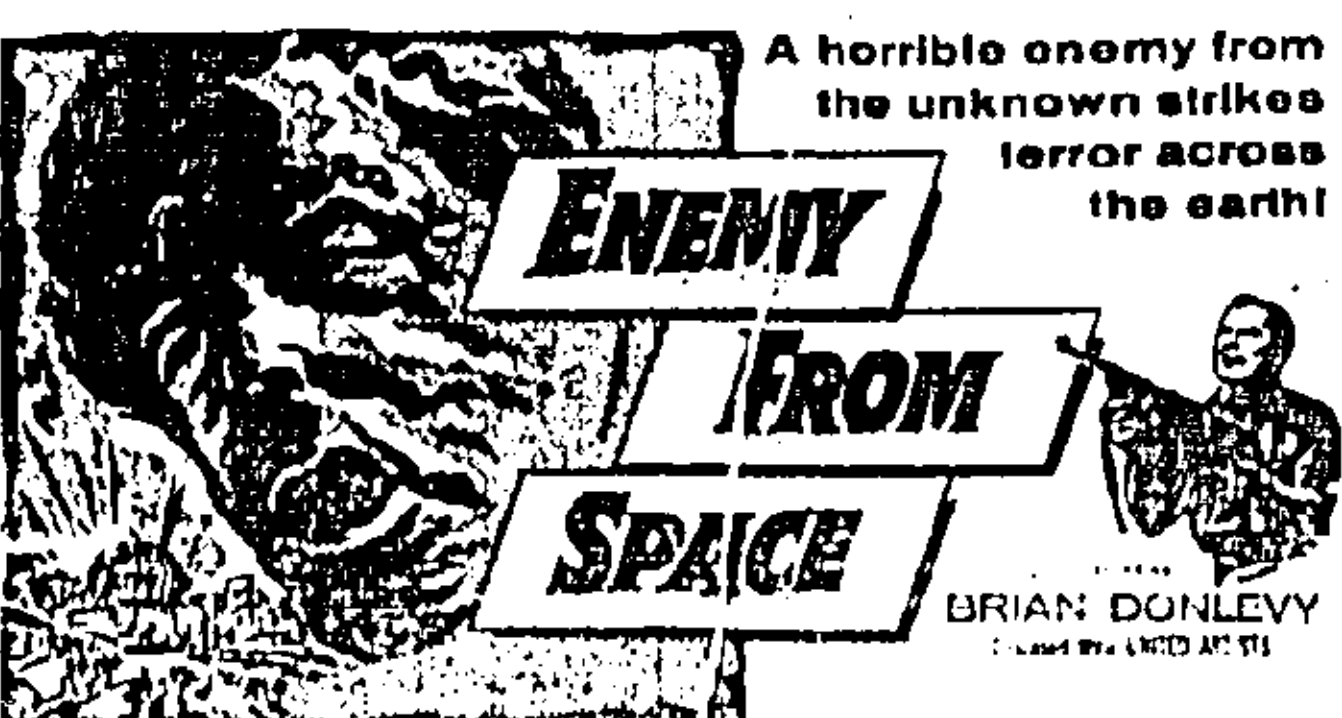


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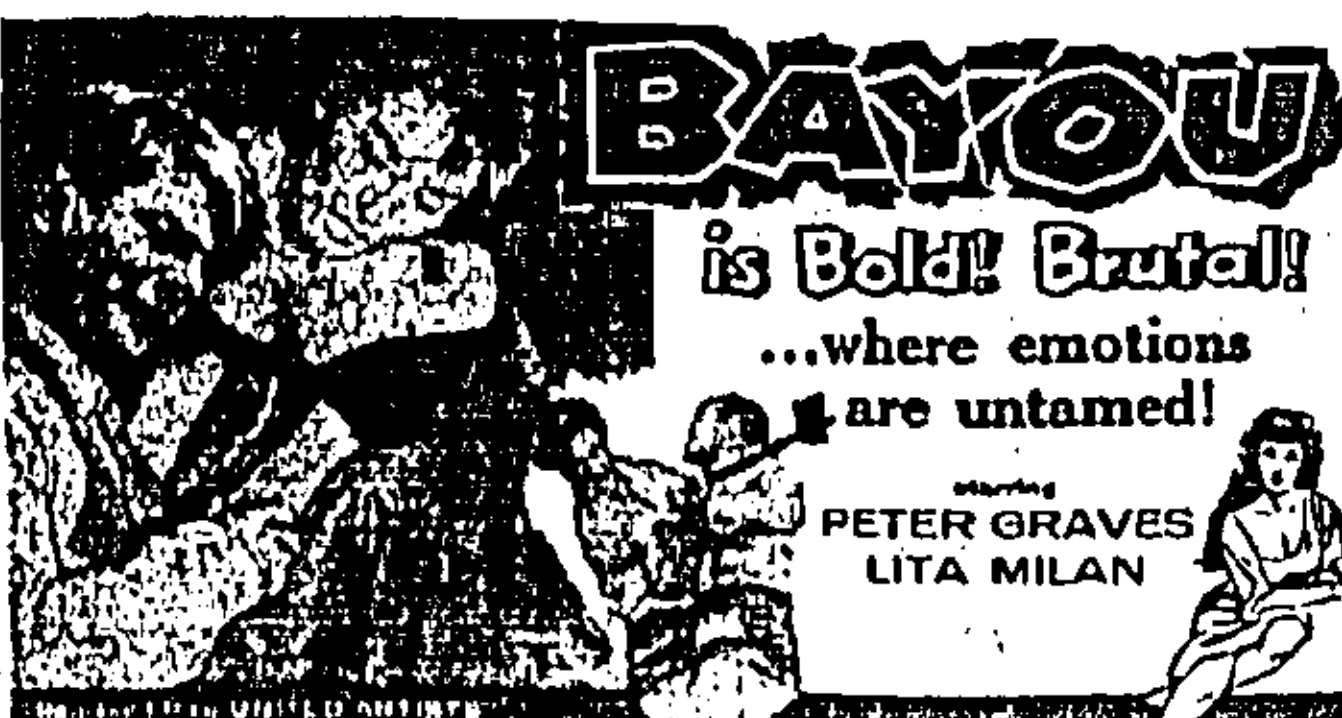
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YOUTHFUL RIOTER



A young demonstrator in the recent Nicosia riots receives attention from a British soldier. Students used stones, crowbars and bottles to pelt troops during the outbreak of violence.—Keystone.

Successful Tests On The 'Whispering Giant'

Bristol, Dec. 15. A Bristol Britannia 310 airliner returned last night from Singapore with reports of "encouraging results" from an anti-icing device fitted to its turbo-prop engines.

The Britannia left London on November 25 to find monsoon conditions for testing two modifications to the Proteus 775 engines.

A Bristol Aeroplane Company statement said tonight "all the indications are that the modifications so tested have performed well in the extremely arduous weather conditions successfully found."

MODIFICATIONS

A team of 40 engineers and technicians went along to test the modifications they hope will beat the icing problems of the long-range "whispering giant" airliner.

One of the devices is a jet of air played on certain points in the engine intake. It can be easily fitted to existing engines.

The Britannia's engine snags arose from ice forming in the intakes and being sucked into the flame chambers, causing "flame-outs" under certain conditions.—Reuter.

Sir Anthony Recovers From Fever

Corwall, Dec. 15. Sir Anthony Eden, the former British Prime Minister, has made a "good recovery" from an attack of fever it was announced tonight.

He was visited by a local doctor at the 30-roomed mansion he and Lady Eden have rented in Looe for three months. It is understood that Sir Anthony, who is 60, has been advised to move to a place nearer London after Christmas.

He resigned as Prime Minister last January because of ill health, and in April underwent an operation for bile disorder at Boston, Massachusetts.—Reuter.

Nato Doesn't Hold Key To World Problems: Kennan

London, Dec. 15.

Former U.S. Ambassador to Russia George F. Kennan declared tonight that the Nato summit conference opening tomorrow does not hold the key to world problems.

Kennan said a cold war peace settlement will have to be reached in direct negotiations between major powers. But the scholar-diplomat called for strengthening of Nato for the future development of Western civilisation itself.

Continuing his series of talks over the British Broadcasting Corporation, Kennan made these points:

BRIGHT FUTURE

Nato can have a bright and noble future, but the top powers of East and West must put an end to the cold war and settle association problems by direct negotiation if this end is to be achieved at all.

• Military strength has grown so huge and terrible on both sides of the Iron Curtain that there is little to be achieved by a grim decision to attempt outpacing Russian military.

• The Atlantic powers must nevertheless keep up their strength.

• Communism's basic hostility to the Western world must be recognised but not prevent compromise negotiations point by point with the Soviet Union in terms of practical diplomacy.

• Placing of missiles and atom weapons in the arsenal of the continental European Nato partners would lead only to a tenser military situation there since it would lead to Russian counter-arming of its satellites.

• Nato should be utilised to the fullest to further the economic and cultural health of the West and achieve the ends dictated by the best traditions of Western civilisation.—United Press.

America Won't Try To Influence France On Algeria

Paris, Dec. 15.

President Eisenhower formally pledged today that the United States will never try to persuade France to abandon North Africa, or to take her place there, authoritative French sources said.

Mr Eisenhower told Premier Felix Gaillard, during their meeting today, that he was thinking of making a formal declaration of U.S. solidarity with France on North Africa before he leaves Paris, the sources added.

M. Gaillard, the French source said, told the President that French public opinion was irritated by the recent Anglo-American arms shipment to Tunisia. However, Mr Eisenhower did not give any undertaking that such shipments would not be repeated, according to the French source.

M. Gaillard was said to have told Mr Eisenhower that unless France's allies understood her position in North Africa, the Nato alliance might be endangered. "Eisenhower stated forcefully that the U.S. never will try to substitute itself for France in North Africa," the source added.

French sources said M. Gaillard delivered the same warning on North Africa when he met the German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, this morning.

Cordial

M. Gaillard told the United Press after the meeting with Mr Eisenhower: "We had an extremely useful and cordial exchange. I found the President in top form."

French sources said Mr Eisenhower and M. Gaillard agreed on the need for strengthening Nato.

The sources said Mr Eisenhower and M. Gaillard also agreed that the situation in the Middle East was "very tense."

They said M. Gaillard told Mr Eisenhower that France was seriously concerned by Soviet infiltration in the Middle East, which the French Premier considers the number one cold war front today.—United Press.

Appeal For Re-Trial Of Britons

Cairo, Dec. 15.

An Egyptian lawyer has appealed to the court of cassation here for a retrial of the case in which two Britons, James Swinburn and James Zarb, were sent to prison on spy charges.

The appeal has been made by Maitre Mohamed Abdullah, lawyer for an Egyptian headmaster, Amin Mahmoud, who was sentenced to death by the same court which tried Zarb and Swinburn. Mahmoud was alleged to have formed part of a "spy ring" headed by Swinburn.

Maitre Abdullah said he had presented a memorandum to the court of cassation asking for a retrial on the ground that the law had been incorrectly applied.

If the court accepted his plea it would order a retrial of the entire case, including Zarb and Swinburn, he said.—Reuter.

A Woman Caused The Trouble

Port Moresby, Dec. 15.

More than 30 persons were injured today when a pitched battle developed between native troops and civilians over a woman.

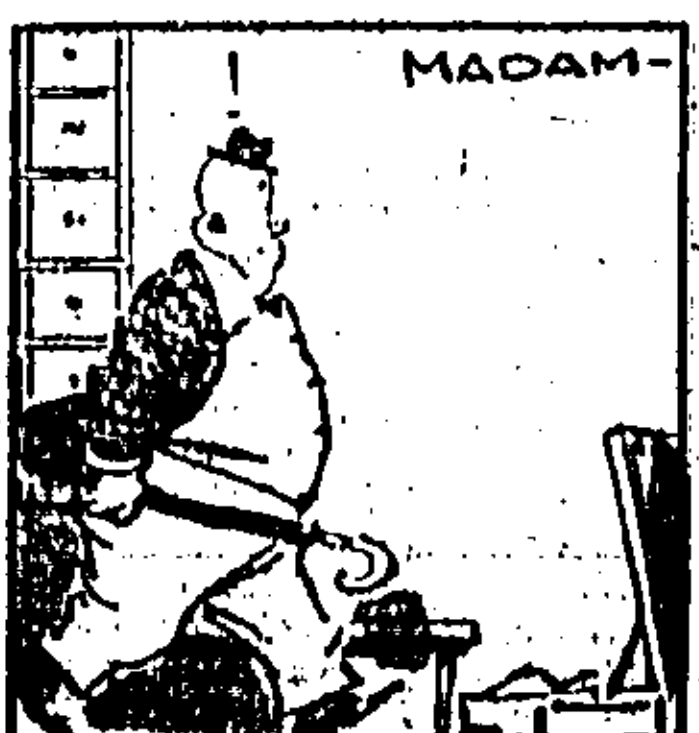
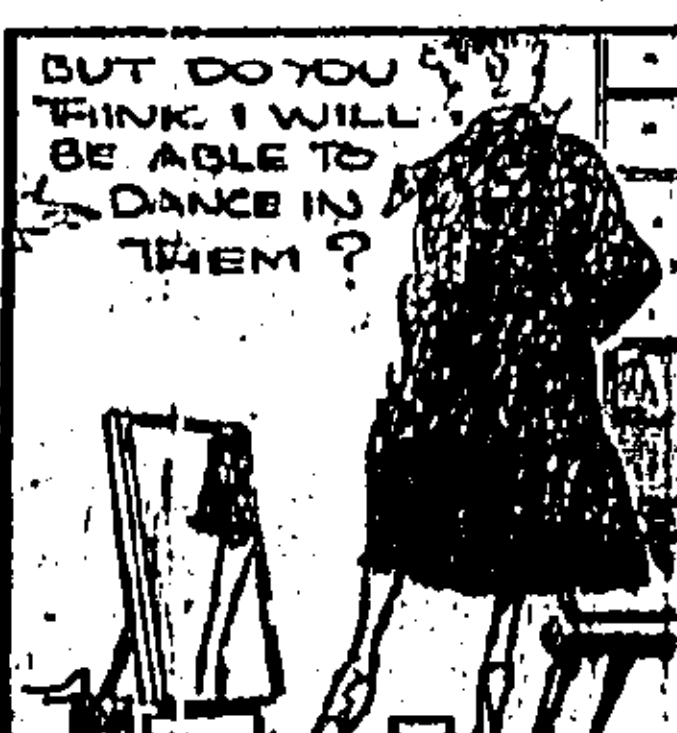
The battle ended when European police began firing shots into the air and arrested more than 100 persons. Police also confined 200 native soldiers to barracks after they defied orders by their officers and entered Port Moresby.

The incident was touched off when a handful of troops started a fight with some natives of the Kerema tribe over a woman.—United Press.

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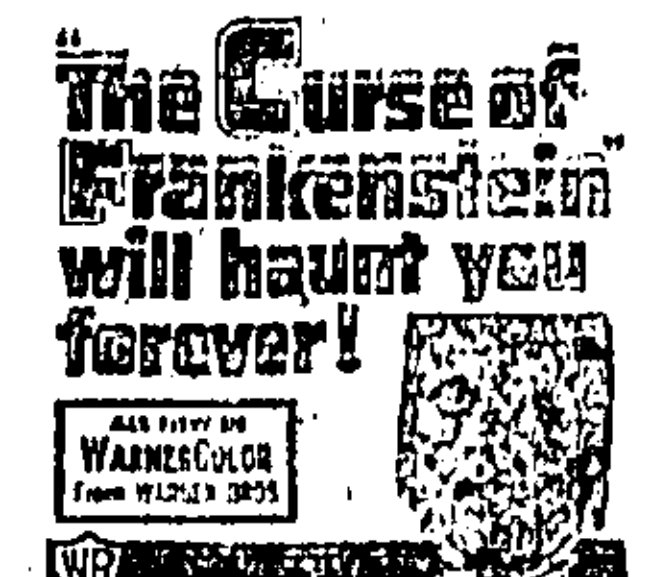
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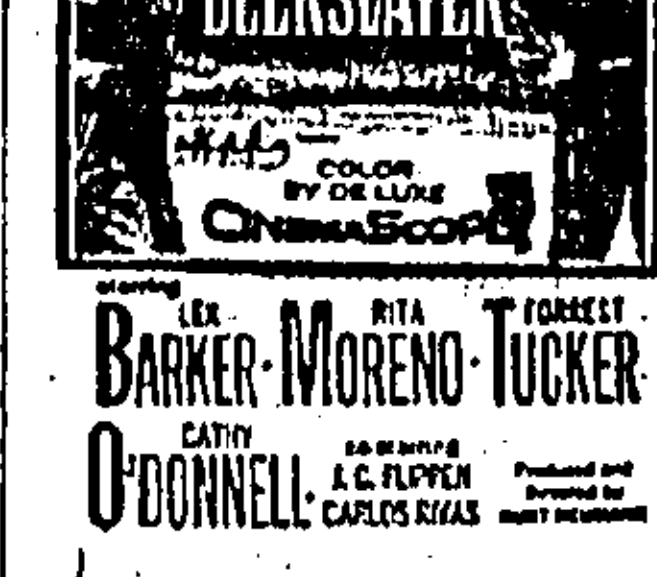
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Senate Committee Promises Full Consideration: America's Plan To Win Space Race

'Scrap Red Tape' Demand To Defence Dept.

Washington, Dec. 15. Senate investigation today promised full consideration of Dr. Werner von Braun's proposal for establishment of a national "Space Agency" to beat Russia in the race for outer space supremacy.

Several members of the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee also indicated that they might be interested in hearing more about a proposal that the joint military Chiefs of Staff be scrapped in favour of an organisation along the lines of a general staff.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, chairman of the Subcommittee investigating missile-satellite programme, and Sen. Stuart Symington, a Subcommittee member, demanded that the Defence Department get rid of bureaucratic red tape and make prompt and firm decisions.

Dr. von Braun's space agency proposal was termed "Good" by Sen. John C. Stennis, also a Subcommittee member. He said it "must be explored fully and something positive done because the space battle is real."

Stennis asked whether the US\$1,500,000,000 annual budget suggested for the agency by Dr. von Braun would be needed the first year or two. He said it "sounded excessive as a starter," but added that the programme undoubtedly would be costly.

Dr. von Braun, the rocketeer from the Army's Redstone Arsenal, told the Subcommittee last Saturday that his proposed space agency could put a man in outer space in five years and build a space platform in ten years. He warned that the U.S. would be in "mortal danger" if Russia won the space race.

REACTION

The Subcommittee resumes public hearings tomorrow with testimony from the Navy's missile and research experts. Scheduled witnesses including Garrison Norton, Assistant Secretary for Air, Rear Adm. William F. Raborn, Chief of the 1,500-mile Polaris missile programme, and Rear Adm. John E. Clark, Director of guided missiles.

The Navy officials were expected to be asked for their reaction to the proposal by Lt. Gen. James Gavin, Chief of Army Research, that the Joint Chiefs of Staff be supplanted by a General Staff organisation.

Gavin said it would give the Defence Secretary better information. Gavin also warned, like von Braun, that the United States must get to the moon and occupy it ahead of the Russians. He said it would be disastrous if the Soviets followed up their satellite victory with a conquest of the moon.

Several other witnesses have offered proposals similar to Gavin's General Staff plan. On the other hand, Navy Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. and Adm. Arleigh Burke, Chief of U.S. Naval Operations, have testified in opposition.

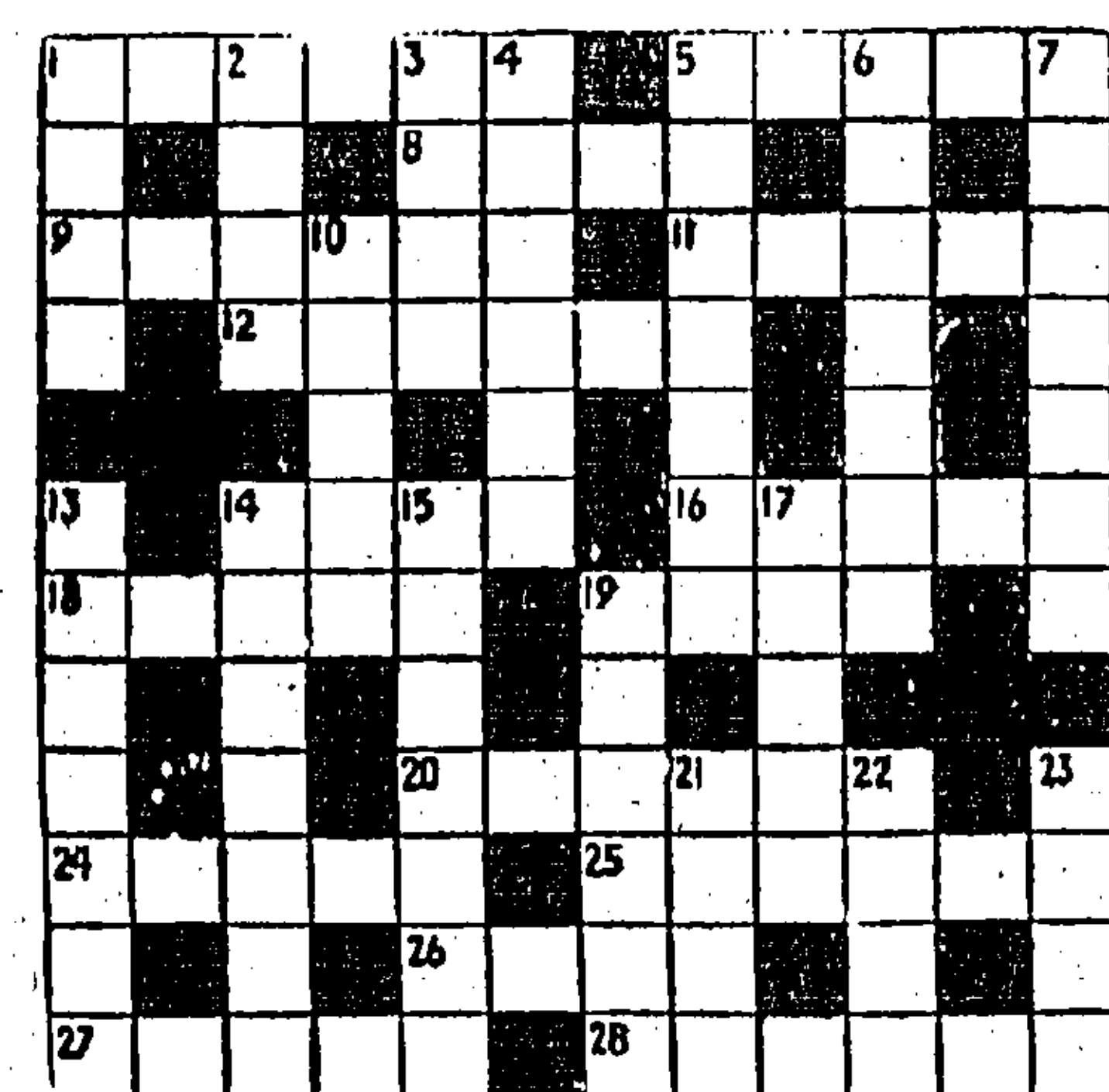
RED TAPE

Sen. Johnson, in calling for an end to missile red tape, said there had been a "common refrain" in Subcommittee testimony so far. The Senate Democratic leader said it was to the effect that "A request was made for a decision and it got lost somewhere in the Defence Department."

He said he was confident the nation had "the technical skill, the resources and the necessary enthusiasm among our technicians to build any missile that we need and to build it on time."

"What we have been lacking are hard, firm decisions at high levels," Johnson said. Symington said it had become "increasingly clear from these hearings that no individual can do an efficient and effective job as Secretary of Defence unless the structure and functioning of the Pentagon is re-organised on the basis of progress, instead of continuing on the basis of tradition."—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Different ones (8).
- 5 Not paper money (5).
- 8 Milky-white stone (4).
- 9 Arctic inhabitant (9).
- 11 Manage to live? (5).
- 12 Removes errors (6).
- 14 Try to get off (4).
- 16 Make for Grotto? (5).
- 18 Bit of a mix-up (5).
- 19 Continental river (4).
- 20 Bar or car (5).
- 24 Rounding to fat (5).
- 25 Inborn (6).
- 26 Slight advantage (4).
- 27 Certain eagles (5).
- 28 Going off the rails (6).

DOWN

- 1 Bowling spell (4).
- 2 Fish for outlets (4).
- 3 The eternal city (4).
- 4 Absorbing accessory (5).
- 6 Very fortunate (7).
- 7 He goes up in the air—(7).
- 9 —and he comes down, it seems (7).
- 10 Living likeness? (5).
- 13 Polish up (7).
- 14 Ancient rumour? (3, 4).
- 15 Prouds (7).
- 17 Fruity reply? (5).
- 19 What Mrs. Mopp will do? (5).
- 21 Remarkable chap (4).
- 22 Ex-enemy (4).
- 23 Ice-afloat (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Bucks, 4. Stumer, 8. Elxir, 10. Apron, 12. Carrot, 14. Supreme, 17. Slow, 19. Pestera, 20. Medical, 22. Oden, 23. Glimmer, 27. Nice-ne, 29. Almo, 30. Gentle, 31. Steele, 32. Strap. Down: 1. Brews, 2. Crisp, 3. Blice, 5. Tear, 6. Myrtle, 7. Renews, 9. Rampage, 11. Postal, 13. Hoisting, 15. Us-ad, 16. Re-lu-in, 18. Ert, 20. Morus, 21. Denpie, 24. Mps, 25. Enter, 26. Sheep, 28. Coll.

He Hated School—So He Blew Them Up!

Trieste, Dec. 15. The police here tracked down today the "mystery dynamiter" who has made ten attempts to blow up schools in nearby Villa Opicina village.

He turned out to be a 12-year-old boy called Zarkos. "I hate school," he told the police.

The police today raided the boy's house and found among his toys, dynamite sticks, detonators and other explosives. — France-Press.

Singapore, Dec. 15. Singapore will have its first Asian Archbishop next year—the Rev. Canon D. D. Chellich, Anglican Diocesan Secretary for schools.

He is one of two churchmen appointed to replace the present Archbishop at Singapore, the Venerable Robin Woods. — Reuters.

Russia Empties Its Prisons For A Slave-Labour Scheme

Vienna, Dec. 15. Russia is emptying its prisons to provide thousands of slave labourers to build a 55-kilometre (33 miles) canal to link the Ukrainian iron mine centre of Kriyoi Rog with the Dnieper River, diplomatic sources said today.

These sources, quoting reports received from Russia, said there are about 180,000 persons held in the nine main camps that are "recruiting" inmates for slave labour.

They said the camps, combined under a central administration headquarters in Kriyoi Rog, are at Bragin, Kirovograd, Shitomir, Uman, Pervomaisk, Ingulez, Novi Oskol, Starobelsk, Isjum and Saporozhe. The canal will be completed in 1960, the sources said.

The whole slave labour operation is being handled by the MVD (Secret Police).

Kriyoi Rog is an important centre of iron mining in the Ukraine, USSR, with estimated reserves of over one billion tons of iron ore. The installations include an iron foundry and cooking plants.

During World War II the city was held by the German army from 1941 to 1944. Its industrial installations were almost completely destroyed during the war.

Major construction projects in the Soviet Union are usually carried out by slave labour camps inmates under the supervision of the secret police.

The most notorious Soviet canal construction was that of the White Sea Canal during the Stalin era. According to reliable sources more than 100,000 prisoners died during the construction of the canal. — United Press.

BIRTH-RATE

Given the increasing birth-rate and the decreasing death-rate (especially in the under-developed areas of Africa, Asia and Latin America), there may be 13,000 million people on the earth by the middle of the 21st century.

The report, signed by Dr. Kingsley Davis, of the University of California, said the population of South America showed the greatest increase, amounting to about two and a half to three per cent yearly. — France-Press.

BABY AND THE BEAST



A year ago, Yvonne Kruse made news when one of the Bertram Mills Circus elephants pushed her into Olympia—in a pram. Now, aged 18 months, she's managed to pick up enough from her elephant-trainer father to put the animals through their paces in Ascot. — Keystone.

ABDULGANI BROADCASTS TO INDONESIA

Jakarta, Dec. 15. Ruslan Abdulgan, Deputy Chairman of the Indonesian National Council, said in a radio interview tonight that "we should refrain from using the terms nationalisation, confiscation or seizure" in reference to Dutch enterprises taken over in the present "reprise" campaign over West Irian.

He said the use of these terms would have far-reaching international complications. He said that "confiscation" could only be effected in different circumstances, for instance in a war, while "nationalisation" implied "a kind of practice for compensation of nationalised properties."

INTERESTS

Abdulgan said: "Our present relations with the Netherlands are indeed very queer and the present situation is not yet reached the stage to enable us to declare that the actions we have taken are a kind of confiscation or nationalisation."

Abdulgan said Indonesian actions could be explained by the fact that because the Netherlands "has unilaterally taken in its grip the interests of our people in West Irian, political conflicts have emerged at various Dutch enterprises in other parts of Indonesian territory."

He said these political conflicts were spearheaded by workers and youths. In this way, tension emerged which might disturb law and order if allowed to go its own course.

Abdulgan, former Indonesian Foreign Minister, said that for these reasons, the Indonesian Government had decided to take all Dutch enterprises under its control. "Thus the Government's action is political," he said. — France-Press.

KING SAUD TO VISIT TAIPEI

Taipei, Dec. 15. A Chinese language newspaper reported today that King Saud of Saudi Arabia and two other leaders of Middle East countries are scheduled to visit Formosa.

The Shing Sen Daily said besides King Saud, King Hussein of Jordan and Turkish Premier Adnan Menderes will visit Taipei sometime next year. — United Press.

Disaster In Mongolia

GIANT EARTHQUAKE KILLS OVER 1,200 PERSONS

Moscow Radio reported today that more than 1,200 persons died in a giant earthquake which struck Outer Mongolia on Friday, December 11.

Two hundred persons were reported dead in one small village, Alay Sanda, according to monitors here.

The quake was the second of disaster proportions to strike Outer Mongolia this month and was believed related to the quakes reported in Iran on December 13 and 15. The Moscow broadcast said the area worst hit was northwest of Ulan Bator. How many made it difficult to grasp the full proportions of the disaster, it was said. — United Press.

Time Runs Out For Mothers Of US Prisoners In China

Washington, Dec. 15. Time was running out today for three American mothers who hoped to make a Christmas season visit to their sons in Chinese prisons.

Peking so far has failed to give the three women permission to enter China.

Two of them, it was learned, already have received hard-to-get U.S. passports to visit China. The third mother was waiting for permission before asking to have her passport validated for travel to China.

The State Department, reversing previous policy, announced on December 9 that it would permit close relatives of the six Americans still jailed in China to visit them. Previously, the Department had authorised such travel for only a small group of newsmen and an attorney.

The newsmen, whose passports were validated in August, never have been given entry permission by the Chinese.

The three mothers are: Mrs. M. Downey, of New Britain, Connecticut, whose son, John, was sentenced to life imprisonment for alleged spying. A civilian employee of the Army, Downey was reported missing on November 20, 1952, when the plane in which he was flying disappeared on a flight from Korea to Japan.

A brother, William Downey, 29, said in New Britain that his mother had not heard yet from the Chinese. Therefore, he said, "nothing definite is set" on her hoped-for trip.

SAME PLANE

Mrs. Philip D. Fecteau, of Lynn, Massachusetts, whose son, Richard, was sentenced to 20 years in jail, also on alleged spy charges. He was on the same plane with Downey.

Both men are imprisoned in Peking. Mrs. Fecteau said in Lynn that she also was waiting for a visa from China. She applied for one about two weeks ago to the Chinese Red Cross. The American Red Cross originally made the application, but it was turned down. She said all her plans "wait on a Chinese visa."

Rev. Joseph P. McCormack, a Catholic priest imprisoned on June 15, 1953, in Shanghai for five years. His next of kin, a brother, Edward McCormack, lives in Palmyra, New York.

Rev. John P. Wagner, another Catholic priest arrested in 1953 and jailed in Shanghai for five years. His next of kin, a sister, Mrs. Joseph Wagner, lives in Glenview, Pennsylvania. — United Press.

Mrs. Hugh F. Redmond, of Yonkers, New York, whose son, Hugh, was arrested in Shanghai on April 21, 1951, and sentenced to life imprisonment for alleged spying. Mrs. Redmond said she had applied for a Chinese visa. But she said she would "wait to see whether she gets one before applying for a U.S. passport."

NO TROUBLE

The State Department emphasised that none of the close relatives of the six Americans would have any trouble getting passports. But officials said they had no assurances the Communists would let them into the country. They hoped originally that the Chinese would act rapidly enough to permit the relatives to be in China by Christmas.

The State Department still has received no word that relatives of the other three jailed Americans plan to visit them at this time. The others are: Robert McCann, arrested in 1951 and jailed for a 15-year term at Peking. His wife, Mrs. Flora McCann, lives in Altadena, California.

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A total of three Europeans were wounded when terrorists threw a grenade at a roadside cafe in the centre of Rome today. The three men were wounded in the leg by splinters as they sat in the cafe which was crowded at the time. They were all taken to hospital.

The police immediately surrounded the district and interrogated numerous suspects. — France-Press.

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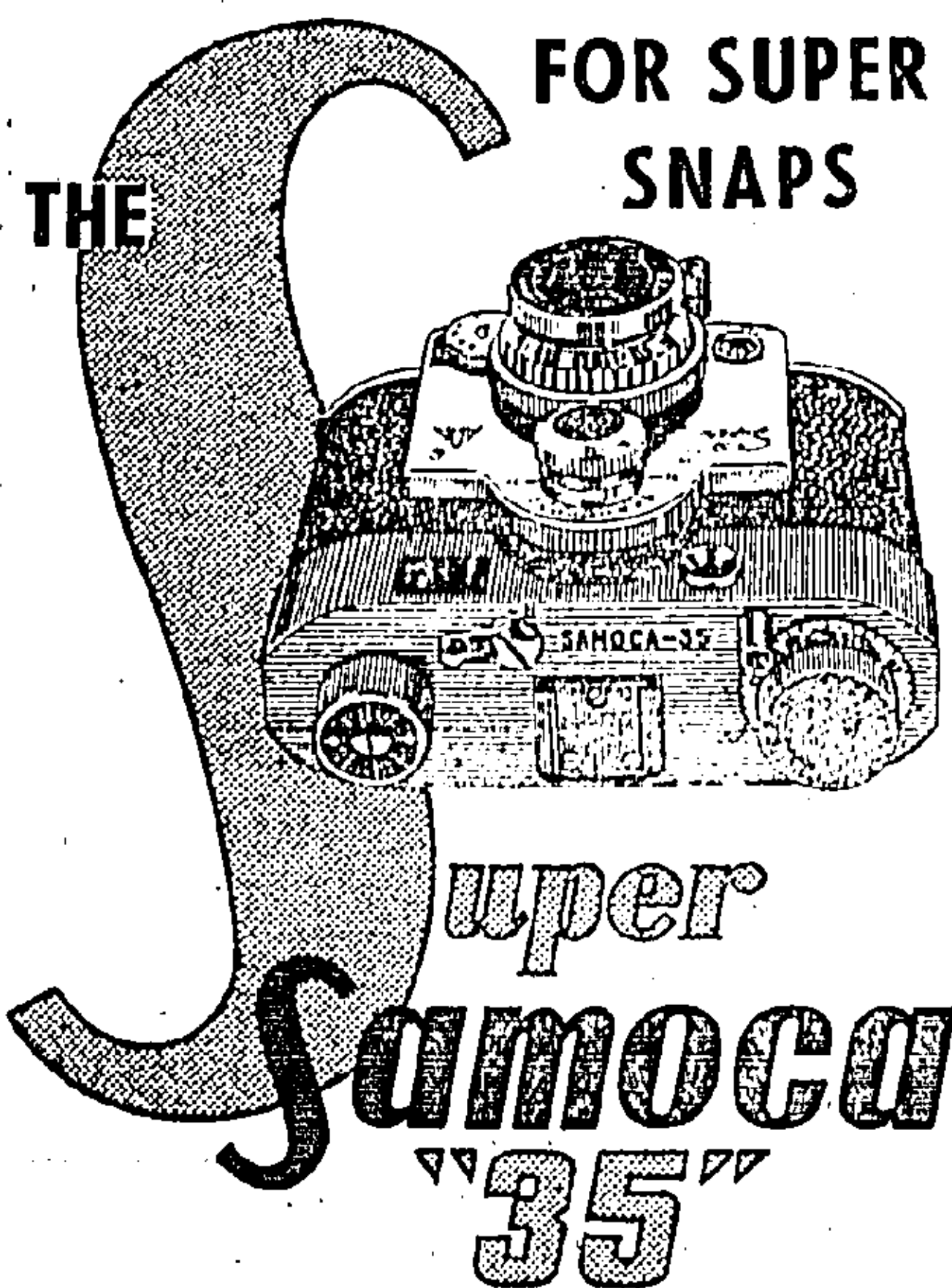
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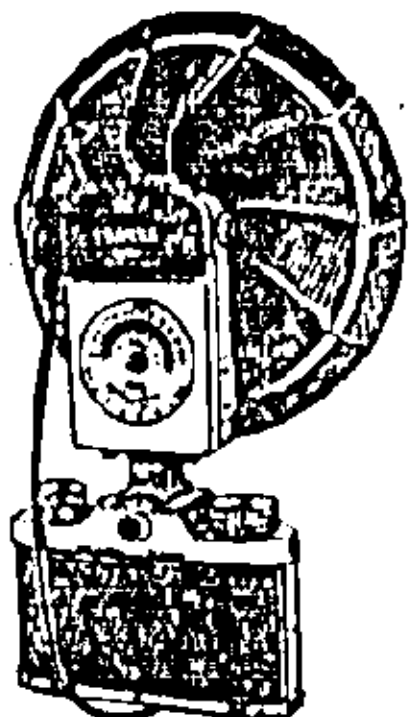
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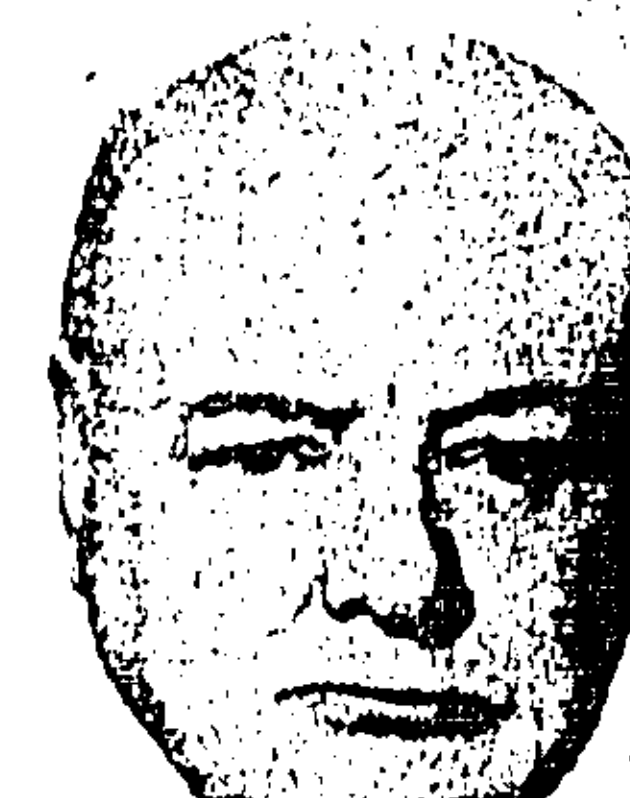


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his clothes and his pointing kit.BEGINS
TODAYNORMAN MCGOWAN'S OWN
STORY OF MY BELOVED GUV'NORThe closest close-up
you ever read!

I LAID out the night vest that Winston Churchill used instead of pyjamas. I plumped up the pillow he always hugged like a teddy bear and put it under the two light blankets on the double bed.

Then I waited for him to come to bed after the champagne party to celebrate his election victory.

The date was October 27, 1951. The place was Mr Churchill's London home in Hyde Park Gate.

I glanced around the bedroom with its fitted dressing table, soft carpet and drab curtains.

Everything was ready as I heard on the stairs the firm footsteps of the man who moulded our destiny.

I could tell he was tired. As he came through the door, he said: "Norman, I want a whisky and soda."

He made his way to the bed, slumped back, looked at me and said:

"Norman, we have won. I have the reins of the country in my hands again. But we're in a bloody mess. And I have so little time left."

I remained quiet. What could a valet say at such a moment in history. I knew my place.

He turned to his dog—a French poodle called Rufus.

"Rufus," I heard him say. "You and I are moving. No. 10 Downing Street. We are going home."

He scratched the poodle's ears and added: "You'll have a lovely garden to run about in."

He was almost asleep before he had finished undressing, but as I crept out of the darkened room he stirred.

"Norman," he grunted. "Stop that window rattling."

I fixed the window, and as I passed the bed I saw he was already sound asleep.

THIS WAS THE MAN I had by then served as valet for twenty-five months.

THIS WAS THE MAN who to me was so much more than a giant armed statesman, or a famous soldier, writer or artist.

THIS WAS THE MAN who had become my Beloved Guv'nor, that autumn day in 1949 when I went to his country home, Chartwell at Westerham, Kent, for my interview.

From that day onwards life was full of surprises for me. In fact my service with Mr Churchill BEGAN with surprises.

I WAS shown into his book-lined study and for a few moments I stood waiting in front of a man sitting at the paper-strewn table.

I thought this was probably one of the eight secretaries I had been told about.

It was Mr Churchill himself. He was Mr Churchill himself.

But when he stood up and came forward to shake hands, I realised for the first time he was nearly 60, tall.

He spoke softly. "So you are Norman," he said. "You are going to look after me."

For a few brief moments he studied me. Then he said: "I think we will get along all right."

It was the shortest interview I had ever had.

I HAD BEEN TOLD in a letter that I would be expected to take charge of Mr Churchill's clothes and painting equipment.

I HAD BEEN TOLD that I would receive £5 a week and that I could bring my wife and baby daughter to live in a house on the estate.

BUT that was ALL I had been told.

Nervously I asked Mr Churchill for a few more details about what I should have to do.

But I was his first full-time valet—and he couldn't answer my question.

He just rolled his cigar and said: "Well work it out as we go along."

"Anyway, let's go to see Mrs Churchill."

We went along the corridor to the drawing-room.

"This is Norman," he said. "He is going to look after me."

Mrs Churchill, or Clementine as she was affectionately known to the staff, gave me only two instructions.

"First, I want you to look after his clothes and his pointing kit."

"Second, I want you to look after his health."

"That's all," she said. "Now go and get your things."

"SEE THAT he is on time for meals and appointments. SEE THAT he wears an overcoat when it's cold."

Very soon I was to find out how difficult it was to obey these instructions.

But my first real problem as Churchill's valet came when on my first morning he rang for me and said:

"Where are the morning papers?"

I hurried downstairs to fetch them, but I was just beaten to it by a pretty maid-servant.

She laughed and dashed off with the papers to Mrs Churchill's room.

I went back to explain to Mr Churchill.

He said: "I must have the morning papers in bed. Go and get some of them."

After several visits to Mrs Churchill's room I managed to get a few pages that she had looked at.

But I was determined this situation should not happen again.

FROM that morning onwards I listened for the paper boy's ring, and then raced the maid whose name was Martha, to the front door.

Usually I won.

But when I lost I had to get there—sometimes page by page!—from Mrs Churchill.

THAT made the Guv'nor furious.

However, after a few weeks of this daily battle I found the answer.

I ordered TWO sets of papers every day and tempers improved.

I wish there had been such an easy solution to the problems of making Mr Churchill wear an overcoat out of doors and keeping him on time for meals and appointments. What-

ever Mrs Churchill said to him, he always used to try to sneak out of the house without his coat.

I had to lie in wait for him at the door and practically force him into it.

But Mrs Churchill's instruction about punctuality was almost impossible to carry out.

The Guv'nor's habit of being late for meals drove Mrs Churchill to distraction.

SHE called me in on all sorts of tricks and dodges to get him to the meal table at the right time.

She would tell me: "Lunch will be at 1.45 p.m.—but tell Mr Churchill the meal will be served at 1 p.m."

I would pass on the message, and Mr Churchill would smile in a knowing way.

THEN HE WOULD APPEAR IN THE DINING-ROOM AT 2 P.M.

Another trick she tried was to pop into the Guv'nor's bedroom when he wasn't there and put the clock forward half an hour.

The trick never worked because Mr Churchill always had two watches.

The one he called his Day Watch would chime the hour and the nearest quarter of an hour when he pressed a button.

He once dropped it and he told me it cost £150 to have it repaired.

His Night Watch was always at the side of his bed. He knew it never gained a second.

NOW about his cigars. Although Mr Churchill is nearly always seen with a cigar in his mouth he smoked only nine a day.

They are rather strong, as Prince George of Denmark found out one night when he was dining at Hyde Park Gate.

The Prince had never smoked before.

Repeatedly he refused Mr Churchill's request—

"You must have one. You don't know what you're missing."

At last the Prince agreed.

He lit it, took three puffs and was violently ill.

Mr Churchill thought it was a great joke.

He called me into his bedroom one morning soon after I started with him and said:

"Norman, I want to show you how I like to light my cigar."

First he took off the band and pierced the cigar with a long match, of a kind he had specially imported from America.

Then he lit the candle which was always at his bedside, and warmed the end in its flame.

Next he lovingly wrapped a piece of gummed brown paper round the other end.

"I designed that myself," he told me.

"I call it a Ballyhoo—it stops the end from becoming too wet when I chew it."

I never saw Mr Churchill finish a cigar. He used to leave about half in the ash-tray.

BUT those cigar ends were never wasted.

I had special orders about them.

No matter where we went—anywhere in the world I

had to collect all the butts and put them in a special box.

That box was brought back to Chartwell and the butts were handed to old Kearns, one of the gardeners, who used to smoke them in his pipe.

And whenever Mr Churchill saw Kearns about the estate he made a point of checking that he was getting his supplies regularly.

My Guv'nor's taste also ran to extra special champagne.

And this brings me to one of the few stories where the laugh was on him.

But then the joker was Eisenhower!

Mr Churchill bragged to all his friends that he was the only person in the world who could get 1928 vintage Pol Roger champagne.

This was because Madame Pol Roger, in gratitude for the liberation of France, had ordered that no one but Churchill should be supplied with it.

His bubble of pride was popped at an American Embassy dinner.

A bottle was placed casually in front of him as he sat down. IT WAS POL ROGER 1928.

MR CHURCHILL recognised it. He kept eyeing it suspiciously. He could hardly eat.

Then he had it opened and tasted it.

No doubt at all. It was HIS champagne.

He called Eisenhower to his side and questioned him. At last he told him the secret.

Madame Pol Roger had not broken her word.

Eisenhower had been given the bottle by an American officer who found a secret cache of the champagne during the war.

It seems that Ike had heard of Mr Churchill's boast and had awaited this chance to score off his friend.

Both men laughed about it.

But Mr Churchill's laugh was, I believe, a little flat.

He liked to be top dog—even where his own dog, Rufus, was concerned.

YOU must have seen many pictures of the Guv'nor with this French poodle.

Mr Churchill became very fond of the dog, and always insisted that he alone should give the dog his food.

Rufus used to sit on the Guv'nor's chair at the dining table every night and wait for his dish of horse meat.

It was Churchill's standing order that always when he was returning by train from a trip Rufus should be brought to the station to meet him.

Rufus would be let off his lead to dash to his master and be the first to greet him.

Until one day when I happened to be standing close by.

Rufus ignored Mr Churchill and came leaping all over me instead.

Of course, he loved Rufus too much to blame him.

Instead, he turned to me with a hurt look and said:

"I'm sorry, but I'm a bit quiet."

"In future, Norman, I would prefer you to stay in the train until I've said hello."

Churchill's love for animals is reflected in a story the staff heard about one Christmas when he was preparing to carve a home-fattened goose for dinner.

He put down the knife and fork and turned to Mrs Churchill and said:

"You'll have to carve it, Clemmie. This goose was a friend of mine."

This may have been just a joke, but it was no joke when friends spoke of the Rufus incident.

THAT always brought back the slightly-pained expression that I saw when people discussed the day everyone thought he was being assassinated.

It happened at Marrakesh, in Morocco, where I accompanied him on a painting holiday.

We had taken over a wing of the Hotel de la Mamounia.

Naturally the place was full of police and native guards.

Detectives were on duty in the corridors and tough-looking native troops were stationed in the hotel grounds.

I was having coffee in the apartment with Sergeant Ted Murray, one of the Guv'nor's detectives.

THIS WAS ONLY one of many hilarious (for me!) incidents that occurred during our tour abroad.

SUCH AS THE NIGHT A KING SERVED CHURCHILL SOUP IN BED. BUT I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THAT TOMORROW.

THAT RACE FOR PAPERS

"MY day would start when he rang for me . . . and his first question was always: 'Where are the morning papers?' That was always a problem because Lady Churchill used to like to read the morning papers in bed as well.

I always tried to race Martha, Lady Churchill's maid, to the front door when the papers arrived, because the Old Man didn't like to have to wait. If Martha got the papers first, the Old Man would keep sending me to Lady Churchill's room to try to get them. Sometimes I used to get them page by page, and THAT didn't please the Old Man a bit.

However, after a few weeks of this daily battle, I solved the problem by ordering TWO sets of papers!

After he had read all the papers, he would get out of bed. I would slip his dressing gown over the short vest—his only night attire—and he would have the first of his two daily baths."

THAT SUIT!

"Whenever he was dining at Chartwell, he always wore his blue velvet siren suit. I used to spend hours cleaning it. Every night it was stained by either soup or fish. But he always insisted on having it cleaned."

THOSE TIES

"The only thing he would never allow me to do was to tie his bow tie. His bow ties are not the conventional type. He always uses a piece of folded cloth. And he takes great pains to tie a perfect double bow."

"He used to say to me: 'Norman, I can't stand people who don't tie their own ties.'"

HIS SHIRTS

"One of my biggest problems with the Old Man were his shirts. He wore at least three a day. He was very fussy about his evening shirts for formal occasions."

"He wore the kind that do up at the back and he thought nothing of ripping off three, one after the other, until he found the one that suited him."

This Funny World



"Have you ever met the quarterback of the L.A. Rams, Marciano's manager, the brains behind the Dodgers, advisor to the Republican National Committee..."

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

BORN today, you are an individual. Your originality and inventiveness can bring you to fame and success if you develop your ideas thoroughly. You are an idealist and expect perfection from everyone in everything. If you cannot perform perfectly, you will tend to not perform at all. This is not a good tendency, for you must learn that with practice comes perfection, and that you may have to try more than once to reach your perfect goal. Although deep inside, you have faith in your own ideas, you appear outwardly to lack the will to press your own ideas to the world. You may never discover how good you are until it is too late. You have a real touch of genius. Develop it!

Since you are self-reliant, you sometimes find it difficult to cooperate with others. You must recognize yourself to the fact that in this highly competitive world, teamwork sometimes wins a triumph where individualism fails. Let your birth-when individualism, if necessary.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Brain work is what counts today, especially if you are involved in some legal matter. Write an important letter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—You may not reach the peak of your ambition today. Be patient. Success is much better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Be polite and tactful on the job this morning and good results begin to show as the day wears on.

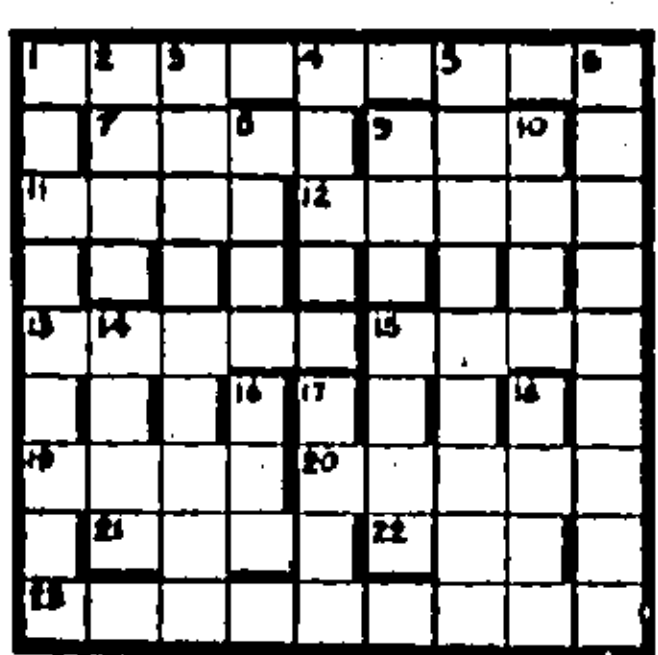
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Hold fast to normal routine and avoid risk-taking during the hours before luncheon. Caution is indicated.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Take care of business and financial matters this afternoon. You can consolidate your gains then.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't waste energies on social affairs unless they bring you a commendable reward in pleasure. When solitude is better!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Handle occupational matters efficiently before luncheon. Then attend to personal matters, if necessary.

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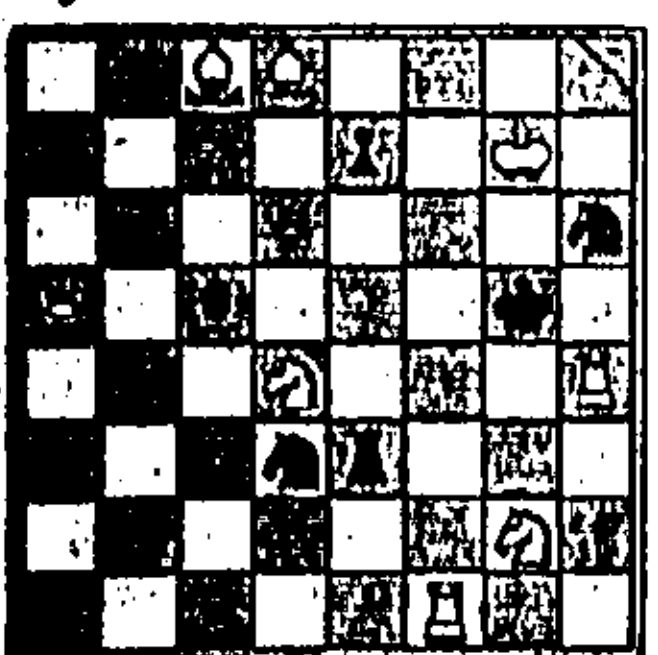


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9. Mountain. (3)
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12. Goddess of fortune. (5)
13. Wealth. (4)
14. Brings in. (5)
21. Always. (4)
22. Savoury. (3)
23. Vexatious. (4)

Down
2. Defeat at walking. (9)
3. Sore. (4)
4. Showing a good result. (9)
5. Hero. (4)
6. See the world. (5-4)
8. Bomb at. (4)
10. Dress design. (4)
11. Best. (3)
12. Pond. (4)
13. Clean days. (4)
14. Quits. (4)
15. Employ. (3)
16. Oil supplies. (4)
17. Joint. (4)
18. Saturday's Solution. (4)

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



A problem by F. DeBinaso (United States Federation, 1954, 1st prize). White mates in two.

London Express Service

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

East Is Too Happy To Win

By OSWALD JACOBY

LIFE master Ronald Wolf writes, "We are planning to run regular duplicate games in Mattoon in the near future. Do you think a population of 18,000 will produce enough enthusiasts?"

Ronald included a hand from this summer's nationals about which he states, "I bid too much but I usually do and the six diamond contract wasn't too bad."

"West opened the Jack of clubs. East took his ace and played the queen. I was in the lead with the king and drew

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trumps. Three rounds of hearts came next and I had a count on the East hand. He had started with seven clubs (West would have opened low from three to the Jack), one heart and three diamonds. Hence, he held exactly two spades.

"Percentage would favour a spade finesse against West but East had given the decided impression of a man who was happy throughout the whole play. West, on the other hand, looked and acted worried and had had great difficulty finding a discard on the third trump lead. He had finally pulled out a heart when he had hearts coming out of his ears and could have spared one handily."

"While there was nothing unethical in West's play I still decided that he was trying to give me the impression of strength and that if he held the queen of spades he would not have been so worried. Hence, I played dummy's ace and king of spades and dropped East's queen."

Here, hoping that Ronald has as much success with his Mattoon duplicate as he had with this slam.

TARGET

H L I
E D T
I S G

How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the target? The letters in the target are: H, L, I, E, D, T, I, S, G. The letters in the target are: H, L, I, E, D, T, I, S, G. The letters in the target are: H, L, I, E, D, T, I, S, G.

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WOMANSENSE

A SMALL GIRL—AND A TALL ONE—LOOK AHEAD TO THE PARTY SEASON

MEN MAKE A FUSS OF ME

—says EILEEN ASCROFT (5 feet 3 inches)

It is fun for a tall girl at party time. She has one great advantage over her pint-sized sister—she can shimmy only succeed in making the pocket Venus look dumpty. No holds are barred for the tall girl in the accessory field

either—she is the only girl who can get away with the lengthy, reed-slim cigarette holder and look sophisticated. The girl always looks like a rather gauche Sally Bowles.

towering above him. Indeed, he seems to prefer piloting a bean pole around the dance floor. The six-footer always returns, relieved to find a partner with whom he can dance without stooping.

OFF-BEAT

Men adore the off-beat idea at party time; they revel in giant strands of beads that droop to the knees, chunky bracelets and skin-tight trows. But these only look good on five-foot-tall girls.

The first step into a crowded room can be disconcerting to any girl but the chances are if she is pint-sized no one will know she has arrived. No tall girl, however, can fail to catch male glances—and there is sure to be a stranger handy with a glass to press into her hand.

The harassed hostess always falls back on her lanky girl friend to help with the refreshments. This is one chore that pays off—ferrying sausages across the room gives one a perfect entree into any chatting group.

A BEAN POLE

Tall girls are spotted easily among crowded rooms and faithful friends can be relied upon to rally round. No need to envy the little girl who falls back on a look of utter helplessness to win attention.

We seldom will, either, as wall-flowers. The little man never deterred by a tall girl

— But both girls (short and tall) say to their partners:

SEND THAT JACKET TO THE CLEANERS

PLEASE this Christmas send your dinner jacket to the cleaners. We love to dance with you, but we hate collecting the dust and dirt of years on the front of our pastel evening dresses.

You may grumble about powder and lipstick on your lapels; we feel the same way when our newest and prettiest frock comes to get cleaned. However much we enjoyed that dreamy waltz, we hate the cleaners' bills that must follow.

It is not true that good cleaning takes the body out of a suit. Ignore this word of your peril, or you may meet pretty girls at Christmas parties who don a protective bib before slipping into your arms!

(London Express Service).

I CAN WEAR MY GIANT BEADS

—says JANE BACON (5 feet 8 inches)



EACH time I slip my first dry martini, I am glad I am a little girl. Looking up into a stranger's eyes is an easier way of starting a conversation than peering down at him under your cocktail hat. It puts him at an advantage to begin with and he automatically starts to look after you.

That is very important in a crowded room. It means to my great advantage, a cigarette when you require one and no ashtray problems. His protective instincts take care of all that.

Better still, he will never leave you flat until he has introduced you to a substitute. If he is over 50 his attitude will be fatherly. Under the

half-century, his reactions may be varied, but at least he won't be scared!

The little girl who goes to a party scores on other points, too. All the short men want to talk and dance with her. Subconsciously they feel better about their own lack of inches.

CRAZY HATS

And she can wear the really crazy cocktail hats, with a plume or a rose that rises six inches into the air—a thing a tall girl would never dare to do.

In these days of rising skirts and new leg appeal, she comes out on top again. For her are those enchanting cocktail slip-

pers, with fragile high heels that just breathe femininity.

There is a final point—the other women. Have you ever walked into a roomful of strangers and felt a moment of wallflower panic?

If you have bemoaned your lack of inches in the past, you won't again. Other women are not shy of a little woman. They will approach you and chat happily. I do it myself, whereas I always feel a little over-awed in the presence of a Juno. The more elegant and beautiful she is, the more she frightens me.

When you say your final farewells to the hostess, the little girl is the lucky one again. There is always room in a car or a full taxi for a small one.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

In The Country Of No

—Blackie Decides Not To Be A Don't-Like-It—

By MAX TRELL

HANID, the Shadow Girl with the Turned-Around Name, had taken the Black Kitten in her lap. For a moment or two anything but look for the Kitten did not look for the Kitten. It was her blue eye, and the Kitten with her green eyes.

Finally, Hanid said: "I don't like to scold you, Blackie, but I do think you aren't behaving well as a well-behaved Kitten should. And do you know what's wrong with you?"

Kitten Won't Talk

Hanid waited for the Kitten to answer, but the Kitten made no sound at all.

Hanid shook her head and went on: "Early this morning, Blackie dear, Mother set out a saucer filled with milk. It was for you, but you didn't taste it. You looked at it and walked away. You didn't like it, did you?"

Again, Blackie remained silent.

"No," said Hanid. "I'm sure you didn't like it. And a little later you didn't like the new saucer of milk Mother set out for you. And when the children from next door came in, you lifted your paw as though you meant to scratch them. You didn't like them either, did you?"

This time, Blackie made a little sound. Hanid understood.

the sound to mean No.

"I'm afraid, Blackie," said Hanid, "you are just a Don't-Like-It Kitten."

"Did you ever hear the story of what happened to the people who were called Don't-Like-It? It's who lived in the village of Nothing-Pleases-Them in the Country of No?"

Haidn't Heard It

Blackie looked at Hanid without answering, so Hanid, deciding that Blackie hadn't heard the story, began as follows:

"Well, my dear, the folks who lived in the Village of Nothing-Pleases-Them in the Country of No were called Don't-Like-Its because they hardly ever liked anything."

"For instance, they'd sit down to dinner and look at the food on the table; and before they tasted any of it, they'd all turn up their noses and say: 'Don't like it! Don't like it!'"

Blackie's green eyes seemed to open up a little wider at this.

"And," Hanid went on, "if you gave those Don't-Like-Its folks a picture book or a new pair of shoes or a balloon, they'd all say almost before they looked: 'Don't like it! Don't like it!'"

"But worst of all," continued Hanid, "they'd say the same thing about people and dog and cats and birds. They'd see a



Blackie went straight for the saucer of milk.

boy or a girl or a cat or a dog and instantly they'd say: 'Don't like him! Don't like her! Don't like it! Don't like it! Don't like it!'"

What Finally Happened

"And do you know what happened finally, Blackie, to those Don't-Like-Its who lived in the Town of Nothing-Pleases-Them in the Country of No?"

It seemed to Hanid that Blackie really looked worried now.

"What happened was this," said Hanid. "Since they didn't like the food that was brought to them, no one brought them any more. And because they didn't like the houses they lived in—and wouldn't bother taking care of those houses—the houses just fell into ruin, and because they didn't like any of the boys and the girls or the dogs or the cats or the flowers or the birds, all those children and animals and flowers just didn't come around any more. And those poor Don't-Like-Its folks just vanished away."

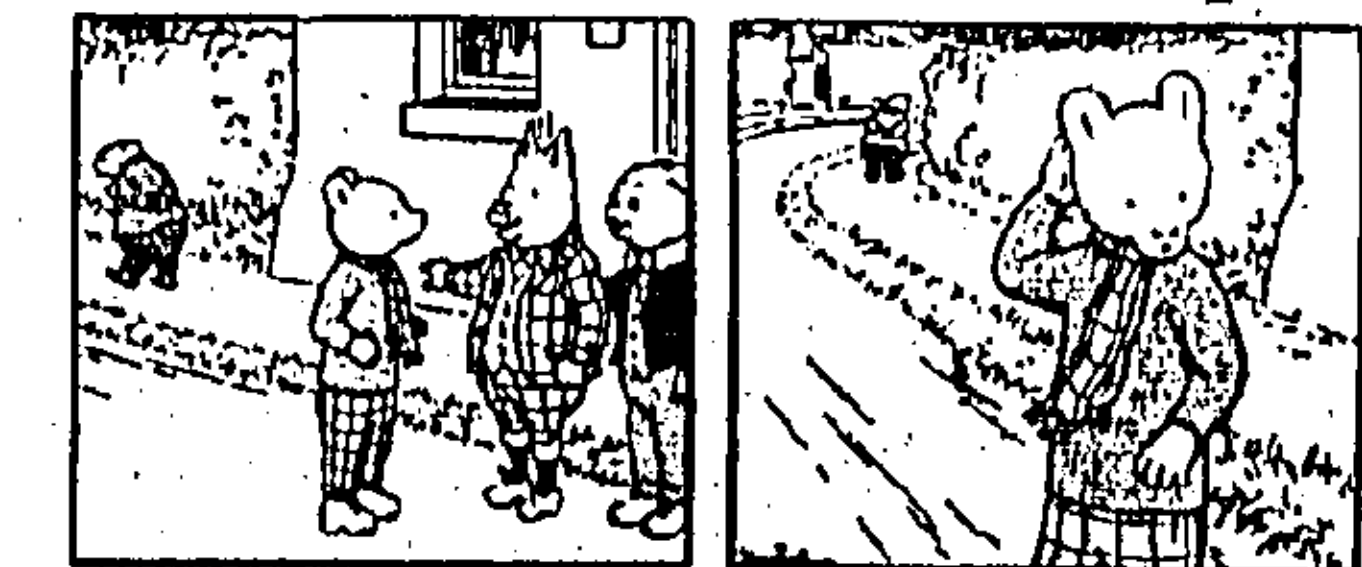
"No one really knows what happened to them, Blackie, but I'm afraid no one cares too much."

Blackie was silent. She didn't even stir.

"Yes," said Hanid, "and one last thing. This something I hope you'll remember, Blackie. Folks who are busy not liking anything often wake up to find nothing liking them."

And with that, Hanid let Blackie slip off her lap and walk into the kitchen and straight for the saucer of milk that Mother had left out for her.

Rupert and the Thinking Cap-2



Almost at once Gregory Guinness, still silent, turns and moves away from the group. "Why is he so quiet?" asks Rupert. "Is he feeling well?" "I don't know," says Gregory. "The poor fellow's worried because, as far as he'll, he can't think of anything he really wants from Santa Claus." And, still chuckling, he and Algy move off, leaving Rupert more thoughtful than ever. "Hm, yes, and I'm nearly in the same fix," he mutters, "but I want a lot, and can't decide what I want most!"

All Set For The Cold?



The latest in Paris fashions for young girls in autumn and winter wear. "Place du Tertre," by Syma, is a trim street dress in beige and brown checks with a matching overcoat.—France-Press.

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SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET TEAM FOR FIRST TEST

Capetown, Dec. 15.

Clive Van Ryneveld was today appointed captain of the South African cricket teams for the first two Tests against Australia starting at Johannesburg on December 23 and Capetown on December 31.

The Springboks team for the First Test will be from the following 12: Clive Van Ryneveld, Neil Adcock, Russell Endean, Eddie Fuller, Ken Funston, Trevor Goddard, Peter Heine, Jackie McGlew, Roy McLean, Jackie Nel, Hugh Tayfield, and John Walley.

The surprise selection is that of Western Province opener Jackie Nel. He scored 139 in five Tests against the 1949-50 Australian team in South Africa and has never played for South Africa since. He was even dropped from the Western Province side last season. But Nel has shown good form recently, making 110 against Natal and 30 and 21 not out against the tourists.

With the possible exceptions of Natal's leg spinner Ian Smith and forceful batsman Paul Winslow, of Salisbury, there are no notable omissions from the side.

Winslow hit 81 and 129 against the Australians in Salisbury, but showed poor form in two subsequent matches against the tourists.

No New Caps

The team contains a hard core of experienced players and no new caps.

Most of the leading batsmen selected have had at least one good innings against the Australians, but the bowlers have had much less success.

Fuller has taken only one wicket against the tourists in 71 overs but has had to bowl on completely lifeless pitches.

The selectors have wisely retained Adcock and Heine, the opening bowlers, who had a bad match against the Australians when they played for Natal.

The selectors were A.R.M. "Nobby" Ralph (Chairman),

Dudley Nourse and Alan Melville.

The final selection will be made on the morning of the match.—Reuter.

First Ever Junk Race In The Colony

Of the nine junks that took part in the "First Ever" junk race in Hongkong yesterday, only two finished the race.

The Hi Ho, captained by John Dominis, came first and it was closely followed by the Shall, owned and piloted by Derek Orchard.

Five o'clock yesterday afternoon was the agreed time to call the race off, but the two were so close to the finishing post—actually about a mile—and so closely together that they were granted extended time to fight it out between them.

Actually, the other seven craft abandoned the race at 5 p.m. and as they were being towed back to the harbour base or making their way on their own steam, the Hi Ho and the Shall were still competing for the "First Ever Win." The race for this honour ended about 7 p.m.

Mr. Vewler, the organiser and one of the competitors, said the decision to give up the race was due to the weather.

TWO UPSETS IN LEAGUE SOFTBALL

University Beat CAA In Ladies' League, Austers Beat Comets

By "TIME OUT"

Every once in a while a writer ends up eating his own words. On Saturday I predicted that the CAA Ladies should defeat the Undergraduates from Pokfulam, but that the latter might make me eat my words. Well they did. I humbly eat my words with no regret whatsoever, as the Undergraduates were definitely worthy winners.

By the way, the score was 17 runs to 10. There was another minor upset, this time in the Junior League. Dave Cooper's much-improved Austers edged out the once-proud Comets 12-11.

In other Junior games, Dodgers whipped South China by 14-4. Seminoles scalped Wah Ying 18-4 and the Cheyennes massacred the War Eagles by 10 runs to 1. In an exhibition game, Redfisher downed a Junior Representative side by 5 to 1.

On Saturday, Dave Cooper's bunch of Alfrmen came rushing all the way from Sha Tin to keep an appointment with Sheridan Hume's Comets. The rush was worth while as the Austers not only took the lussie, but shoved the Comets way out of the Pennant Race. The Comets should be satisfied if they end up fourth in final League standings. The Comets chalked up 5 runs in the first frame and looked easy winners. They added another run in the second, another in the third and two more in the fourth.

All Of A Sudden

All of a sudden, lightning hit the Comets. The score on the board read 9-all at the end of the fifth. In the sixth, both sides failed to score. In the final inning, the Comets managed to score 2 runs and once again looked like winners, but the Austers retaliated and edged them out by 12-11.

Winning pitcher D. P. Cooper yielded 9 hits, walked 11 and fanned 8. For the losers, only Michael "Fuddy" Hussain stood out for his batting. Hussain had three hits in four times. Although the Dodgers defeated the winless South China by a margin of nine runs, they were not worthy winners. The brand of ball that the Dodgers played was not up to the standard of that which they are capable of producing. If they do not brush up soon, then they had better not even dream of humbling the Seminoles next week. Winning pitcher R. Despa missed a no-hitter when Y. F. Soe singled to right in the fourth inning. Losing pitcher W. Christo did not fare badly too as he gave the Dodgers only four hits.

All Out

Ed. Carvalho's wily Seminoles showed that they are all out to scalp everything that comes in their way to Pennant No. 2 when they thrashed the lowly Wah Ying boys by 18 to 4. The Seminoles scored six runs in the initial inning and another six in the second when as many as nine batters came up to the box in both innings.

In this five inning game, the Wah Ying boys were never in the game, but are to be recommended for their good spirit. Bating honours for the Champs go to Lo Pak-huen and Marcelino Tista who had two-in-three and two-in-four respectively. The Champs' pitcher, Lal Dayaram, scored a triple "2" as he gave up two hits, walked two and struck out two. For the losers, K. Lee scored for his fine fielding and his nice triple to rightfield in the second frame.

Robert Remedios' cocky Cheyennes proved a shade too strong for J. F. Yee's War Eagles when they massacred the latter by 10 disastrous runs to 1. The Eagles were handicapped by the absence of regular pitcher M. L. Lau. Peter Olas deputised for Lau.

Mediocre Side

After playing ball on the mediocre side for several weeks, the Cheyennes settled down and played errorless ball. Cheyennes' one-time star hurler Henry Vianha gave a creditable performance as he allowed the War Eagles two mealy hits. For the losers, it was a nerve-wrecking game as the Cheyennes' big guns lashed out four doubles and a triple. The Eagle boys just could not get hold of Vianha's deliveries and had to rely on the breaks which unfortunately did not come their way.

The fair maidens provided their share of spills and thrills when the rookie University squad from Pokfulam upset the favoured Chung Wah girls by 17 runs to 1. This first victory for the Undergraduates chalked up at the expense of the CAA was well earned. Although guilty of seven errors the University belted a 15-hit barrage. Battering honours go to A. W. E. Remedios, Vivian Ho and Maureen Djeng. Amongst the four losses, they managed to account for 12 of the 15 hits that the team acquired. This upset victory put the Undergraduates on the same level as the Chung Wah girls in the League standings.

SCORPIONS ON TOP

Believe it or not, the HKCC Scorpions lead the First Division of the Cricket League. And most deservedly so. They have followed up their victory over Army North by one over the Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday.

This latest victory was an overwhelming one, indeed. The Scorpions sidelined every member of the team under 44. Such well-known younger Scorpions as Stanton and Gain did not even field.

Yet they won by 10 wickets. It took two of their more elderly bowlers, Frank Howarth and Len White (whose ages add up to 85) some 93 minutes to dismiss the KCC for 105 runs.

The two ancients were quite easily overworked at that as there were at least three dropped catches, though these were made up for to some extent by two difficult ones by newcomer P. Huty in the long field.

Never Relieved

Len White took six of the wickets for 41 runs and Frank Howarth the other four for 63. They toiled for a total of 37.2 overs, never relieved, though there were older and younger men waiting for a chance with the ball.

With the KCC retired, Scorpions' opening batsmen Harry Owen, Hughes and Donald Leach (total age 113) took 77

rules to score the necessary 106 runs for victory. Leach's 67 was one of the best innings seen this season.

There were other surprises. At Soekunpo, Army North drew with Craigengower. In a fast scoring match—either side batting for 30 overs—Army North declared after hitting up 193 for six wickets and Craigengower replied with 103 for seven. Furness was 87 not out for Army North and left-hander K. Y. Tam scored 60 for Craigengower.

At Koi Tai, Army South reached 150 for six wickets from 41 overs and R.A.F. replied with 101 for five from 33 overs. Navy lost to IRC by seven wickets at King's Park and the Optimists drew with Recro in a close finish at Chater Road.

Althea Gibson Promoted To Number One Singles Player In America

New York, Dec. 15.

Althea Gibson, of New York, who won the Wimbledon and Forest Hills Championships, was today promoted America's No. 1 ranking Women's Singles player by the Ranking Committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

The committee announced their new rankings which are subject to the approval of the Association's annual meeting next month.

Miss Gibson moves up from No. 2 to replace Shirley Fry. Louise Brough climbs from third to second place, and Mrs. Dorothy Knode from sixth to third. Darlene Hard, Miss Gibson's opponent in the Wimbledon final, becomes No. 4 followed by Karol Fageros, Miriam Arnold, Jeanne Arth, Sally Moore, Janet Holms, and Mary Ann Mitchell.

Miss Brough and Mrs. Margaret Du Pont now rank first in the Women's Doubles, with Miss Gibson and Miss Hard in second place.

Vic Seixas and Herb Flam, America's Davis Cup pair who helped defeat Belgium in Melbourne last week, have been placed first and second respectively in the Men's Singles rankings.

Seixas, now 34, takes over the top position from 24-year-old Oxford University student Ham Richardson.

A sufferer from diabetes, Richardson was one of seven

players of whom the committee said they had insufficient data, and who did not compete often enough this year to be ranked.

Not A Good Year

Richardson has not had a good year. He was knocked out in the early rounds at Wimbledon and in the United States Championship.

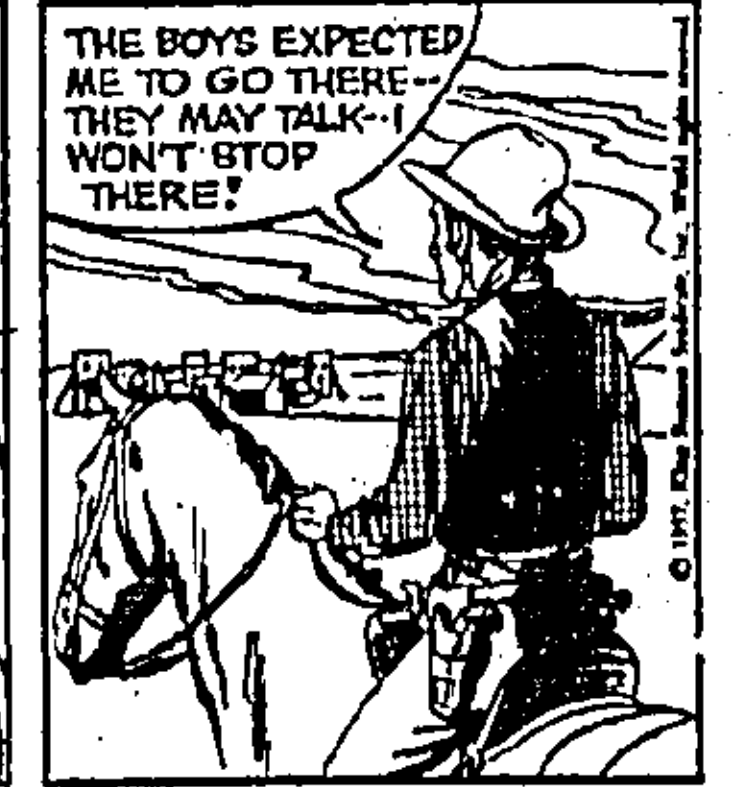
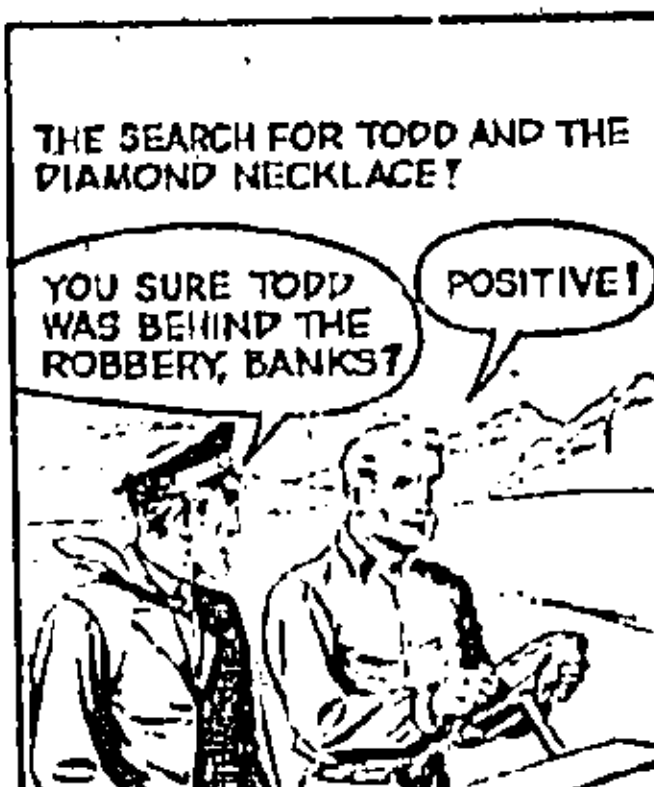
For Seixas it is the third time that he has been ranked No. 1, and the ninth time in the last ten years that he has been in the top ten American rankings.

Richard Savitt is ranked third, Gilbert Shea (4), Barry McKay (5), Ronald Holmberg (6), Bernard Burtzen (7), Whitney Reed (8), Alejandro Olmedo (9), and Grant Golden (10).

The top ranking doubles combination was named as Gardnar Mulloy and Budgie Patty, with Seixas and Richardson second.—Reuter.

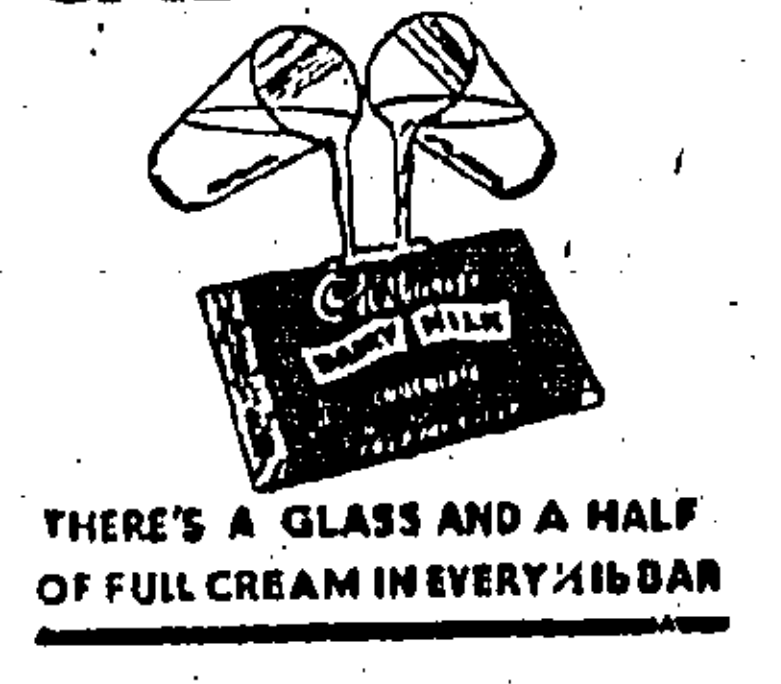
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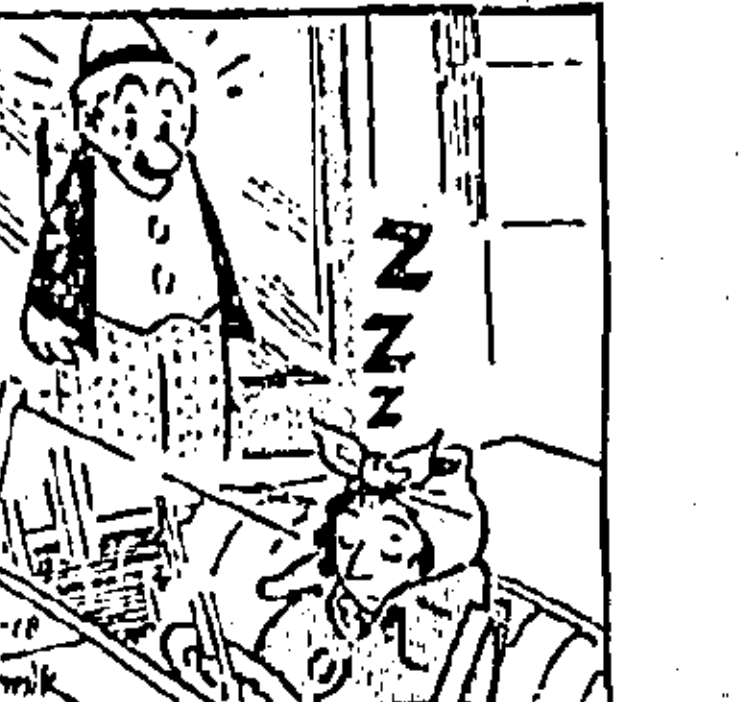
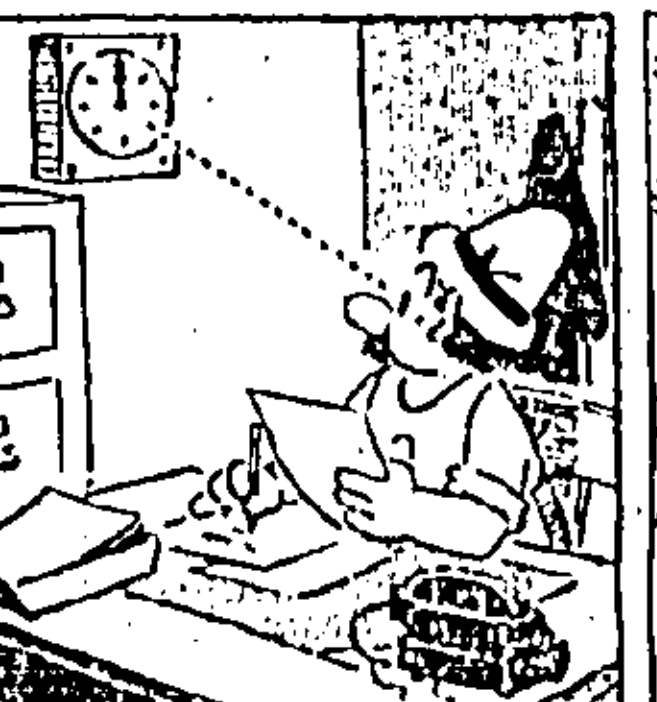
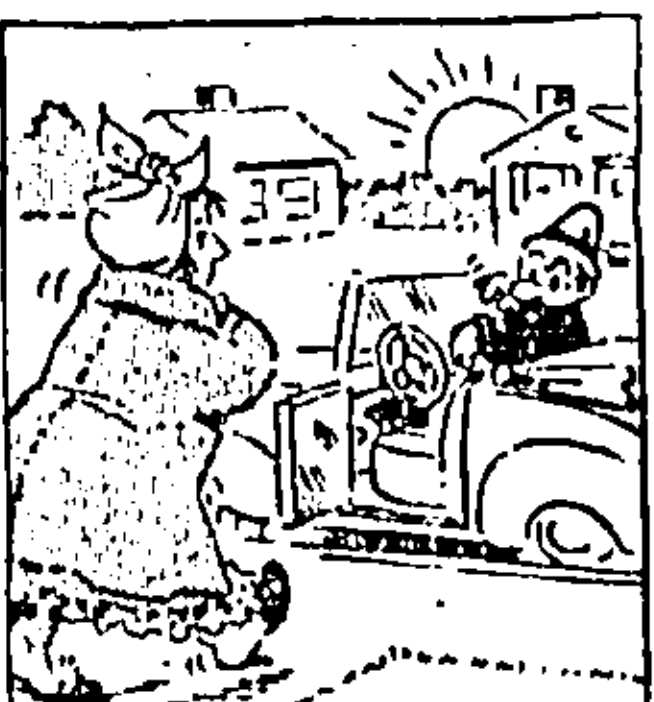
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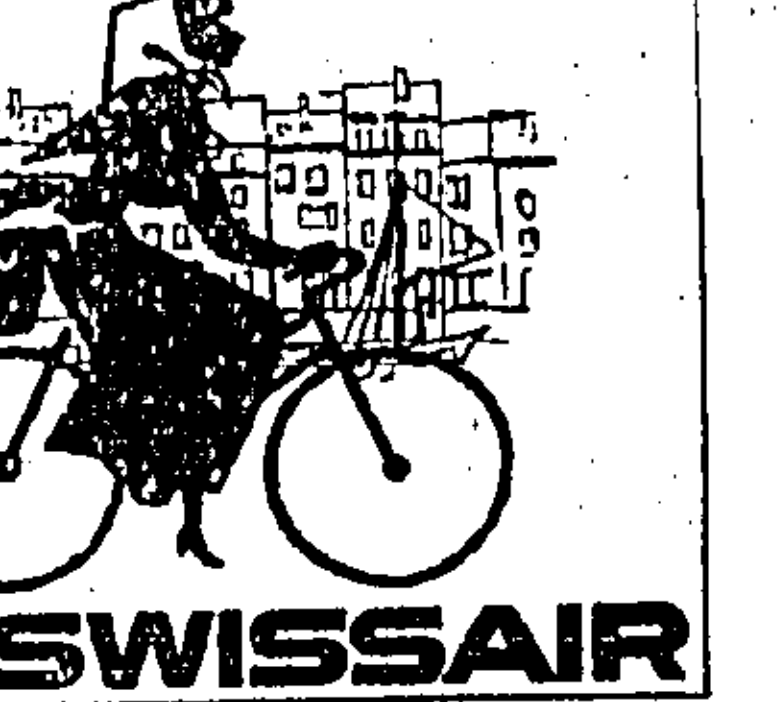
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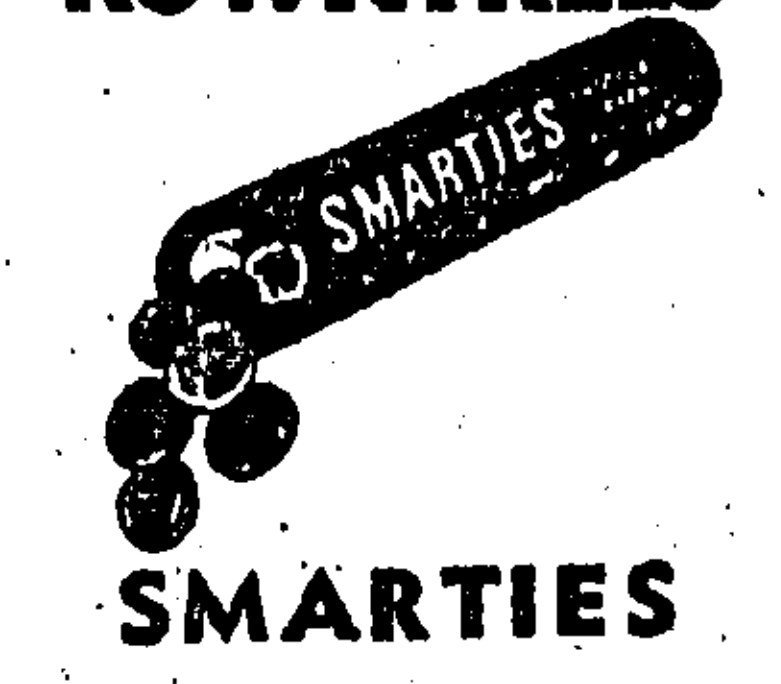
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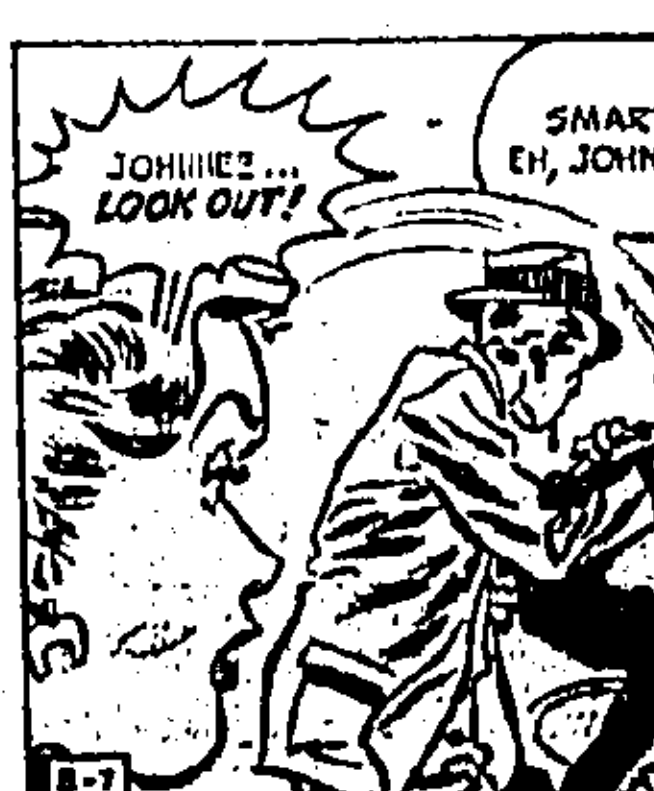
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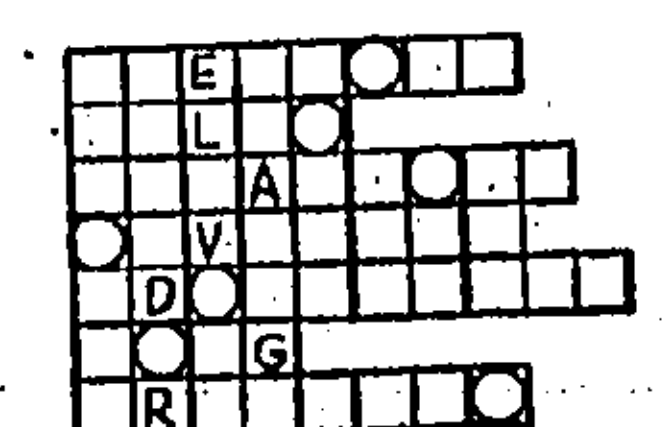


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John Luff Visits A Geisha School



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Courtesan

This, indeed, we were hustled into the bus leaving no man any time to salute his curiosity regarding the domestic life of the Geisha.
 According to the published literature, our next call was at the Sumiya, described as the oldest Geisha House in Japan. But, our guide told us, it was not a Geisha House, but a Courtesan House where rich men used to keep tryst with the proud beauties. There was no visible disappointment on the faces of the male tourists, in fact the U.S. Navy broke into ringing cheers.

The bus could not enter the narrow street, so we had to walk between rows of little houses hung with white paper lanterns. Outside sat the girls, good-naturedly chiding us as we followed our guide in search of culture. Our little girl told me we were in the "red light district" and she was visibly shocked when I told her I understood what she meant.

First Call

Sharp at 6.30 it arrived, and a charming little girl in a grey uniform brought us to the entrance, where her male colleague lounged on a front seat waiting for us to take our places.

Our first call was the Gion Geisha School and during the journey our male guide hissed and sucked at his microphone as he told of the charms of the Geisha pupils.

We pulled up in the courtyard of a compound and gazed curiously around at this filmy wooden village dedicated to the pleasures of the male. Yet in spite of that, it had an atmosphere as feminine as a convent, so that each man felt that he alone had broken through the palisade on a one-man predatory expedition against these shy, gentle, charming creatures. If he thought so, he was soon disillusioned, for so numerous is the male visitor that necessity has compelled the exquisite girls to erect that most

White Face

We entered a large wooden house and once again took off our shoes. This time we were joined by a crowd of Japanese sightseers. We all sat on the floor before a raised-off portion of the hall while our guide gave a running commentary in Japanese. It must have been spiced for the Japanese giggled continually. I wished I could have understood it. The American sailors were so disappointed that I made out what I could and translated for them.

First entered a little man wearing huge horn-rimmed glasses, and clad in a pair of baggy trousers that reached up



A young Japanese Geisha girl learning how to play the 'Samisen' in one of the Geisha schools in Japan. —Photos by courtesy of Japan Air Lines.

under his armpits. A sailor suggested they had been left behind by a guest who departed in more than a hurry. The little man, now christened by us, Hobnob Harry, prepared the stage.

With the devotion of an acolyte, he lit four huge candles set in four huge candlesticks

and then switched off the electric lights. We sat breathlessly in the candlelight.

The eager silence was broken by the silvery tinkle of bells, and then two little girls with dead white faces entered. They looked like two exquisite dolls in miniature Japanese gowns, and on their wrists were

fastened bells that chimed with every movement they made.

They bowed to us, then half turned to receive the haughty beauty who emerged from behind a screen. She wore the traditional high piled headpiece and her face was also dead white, an effect obtained by the use of liquid cosmetics. Her eyebrows were heavily pencilled in giving her a look of perpetual surprise. It was her mouth that gave me a shock for her teeth were blackened and in the candlelight she seemed to be toothless. She wore an elaborate kimono and walked on wooden shoes so high that she maintained balance only by swinging her feet in a semi-circle and bringing one foot exactly in front of the other.

She paused for a moment and allowed her uncensored eyes to range the audience, then sat down flanked by the two little girls, and began the Tea Ceremony.

Make-Believe

Now this Tea Ceremony is an elaborate ritual designed to discover the preference of the potential guest. Courtesan follows Courtesan in the manner I have described, and proceeds to make tea after which she presents it to the gentleman who would be sitting where we were. If he accepts the tea, it means the lady pleases his eye, and he follows her to her stony room to inspect her surroundings. If he should decline the tea, it means he wishes to see the next Courtesan, and on until he is satisfied. No face is lost, the whole ceremony is delightfully charming and aesthetically satisfying.

Of course, it was all make-believe as far as we were concerned, nevertheless it raised a laugh when one of the little girls presented the tea-bowl to one of the Japanese gentlemen who gallantly slipped the bowl, meaning he found the Courtesan entirely lovely. By this time the U.S. Navy was straining at the anchor.

The lights were switched on again and we lined up each side of the narrow lane to see the parade. The two child attendants led the way flustered, sending their bells into peals of silvery music. There followed

the proud Courtesan in slow dignified circular steps, and at the rear came her maid carrying a white paper lantern.

Condescended

But the Courtesan was not so proud really because after much explanation she condescended to pose with one of the sailors while his pals flashed their cameras. He told me he wanted the photograph to send home to his mother. We all bowed our thanks to the haughty beauty and thanked her for her trouble. After this was translated to her, she gave a frozen smile and dismissed us from her quickly presence with a grave but courteous nod.

We rejoined our bus, and as was proper to such an evening, concluded our tour in a devotional atmosphere. Our final stop was at the Shoren-in Temple. For the third time that night we kicked off our shoes and entered a kind of wooden cloister. A priest, straight from Shogun's court, and led us through the cloistered walk which fringed a garden of breathless beauty. There were avenues of ancient trees whose limbs were twisted to the shapes of those fantastic patterns which ornament our Japanese plate.

To make it more perfect, a young moon played peek-a-bo through the branches.

Agonising

We went into the guest hall where we were instructed to sit down in an agonising position that brought our heels into close proximity with our rears. An attendant brought us bowls of tea that tasted like seawater, also we were given tea cakes which tasted sweet but sad.

We were then escorted to the garden where, under the rim of that new moon, two Oriental maidens played on dulcimer-like instruments.

We could have lingered forever, glad to escape from a world grown so careful and ugly. But our guides were tired and irritable, I think, for they hustled us to the bus and the driver simply hurried us through the streets back to our hotel.

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JOHN LUFF presents Telecrit

I AM told that I did a very rash thing in challenging the cooking capabilities of the Hongkong ladies. Before the ink was dry on last Monday's paper, the telephone began to ring, and I was given to understand there were several ladies who claimed the undisputed right of calling themselves Yorkshire Pudding exports.

I received one or two invitations to a roast beef and Yorkshire pudding dinner, and not a few mild threats. There were in fact outraged ladies who offered to grind my bones to make Yorkshire pudding. So far I have survived the onslaughts of the Yorkshire Light Pudding Brigade.

THE films have improved somewhat this week. Both Chinese and European viewers seemed to enjoy "Hell's Gate," which I managed to view myself. Of course, fundamental to the whole business is the different tastes of so cosmopolitan a viewing audience. What is one man's show is another man's poison.

Take for instance Lill Palmer. Now I thought the talk she gave about John MacCormack was one of the loveliest things ever. And how fine to listen to the widow of that fine singer singing his early recordings. Yet that fifteen minutes devoted to the career of this Irish singer was all Greek to many of the viewers.

You see what I mean. Providing a programme to suit the varying interests of this town in which all races and creeds and languages mingle is the devil of a job, as undoubtedly TV recognises.

A VIEWER spoke to me last week about asking TV to put on a panel game. Well, I have seen one that they propose starting. It is ingenious, and it leaps over the language difficulty. I should not like to say whether it will go down or not. You can't tell with these things until you see them in action. This is what I do recommend. On Saturday I happened to go along to Grantham Training College, and I heard their Choir sing some old English Carols. One in particular was absolutely superb. "The Holly and the Ivy." Now get this point. Grantham in the main is training Chinese boys and girls to teach in the Vernacular Schools. And here was a magnificent Choir, well balanced, beautifully produced voices, singing in beautiful harmony English Carols. I sat right at the back and heard every word.

I recommend them to TV if it can be fixed up. They could give a splendid fifteen minutes of real harmony.

WE don't get it here, but these commercials make me laugh. Fremont Overseas Radio and TV have recently signed Lion's Toothpaste, one of the leading Japanese brands. The feature is a series of 15-minute jungle films. But Lion's Toothpaste made this stipulation. None of the films on a programme must show a lion being captured, ill-treated, hunted, or "catching it" in any way! What is it? Superstition, business acumen, or what?

Another thing that amuses me is how people will pay money to be frightened. It occurs so less on TV than in the cinema. There are 23 stations in the States which are running "Shock" features. Seven are using the title "Nightmare" seven "Shocks" and one "Lon Chaney Theatre."

OUR own TV have secured a very fine feature for Christmas day. It is called "Preparations for Christmas" and is made by the International Film News Agency. It runs for forty minutes, and takes you into 25 countries to see how other people prepare for the great festival. I have not seen it but I think it takes you to Bethlehem.

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RADIO Hongkong

5.30, Reading for Your Delight — "Care-Charming Sleep"; 5.45, Joseph Strauss Polkas; 6. Time Signal; "In the Groove"; 6.30, Music for Every-one; 6.55, Weather Report; 7. Time Signal; News; 7.10, Commentary; 7.15, Cocktail Time—Cyril Stapleton and his Orchestra; 7.30, Letter from America by Alastair Cooke; 7.45, Interlude for Music with Vera; 8. Patti Page Introduces "The Big Record" with the Andrews Sisters; Julius LaRue; 8.15, Carolan; "Hush" Fleming and Alfred Drake; 8.30, Monday Recital: Anna Tong Yuen-Chan (piano)—Clair de Lune Op. 48 No. 2 (Faure); Sonata Tra-Weather Report; 8. Time Signal; News and Home News from Britain; 8.15, Music from "The Pajama Game" (from the sound track); 8.45, "The Good Show" (Repeat of the Saturday broadcast); 10.15, Music of the Americas—The Camara Orchestra of Madrid; 10.45, George Shearing, Quartet; 10.55, Weather Report; 11. Time Signal; Radio Newswire; 11.10, "Reverie"; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

3 p.m., Musical Matinee; 3.30, Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye; 4. Ten For Two; 4.30, Strictly by Instrumental; 5. Chinese Concert—"Cast of Characters"—Episode 7—"The Medical Board"—Presented by Jack Shearer; 5.30, Monday Requests—Presented by Betty; 5.55, Birthday Mailbox; 6. La Musique Française—Presented by Jeanne Pity; 6.30, A Moment For Melody—With Felix King, his piano, Orchestra and vocalists Dorothy Carless and Gerry Grant; 6.45, Story of Jane Armitage; 7. Time Signal; and the News; 7.10, Weather Forecast, Announcements and Interlude; 7.15, The Ship Fields Show; 7.30, Eddie Fisher with Axel Stenwall's Orchestra; 7.45, Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians; 8. Personality Parade—Vera Lynn; 8.15, The Trio in Popular Music presented by Nick Randall; 8.30, Show Case—Selections from "The Christmas Story" with "Carol" Narrated by Basil Rathbone; 8.45, "Simon and Laura"; 9.30, Monday Concert—"Burlesque in D Minor" by Richard Strauss played by Ely Noy (piano) and the Symphony Orchestra of Radio Berlin; 10. B.B.C. Jazz Club; 10.30, One Night Stand; 11.30, The Trio in Popular Music presented by Nick Randall; 11.30, Prelude to Midnight; 12 Midnight, God Save The Queen, Close Down.

TELEVISION

5 p.m., Children's Hour—Cartoons, 5.10, Puppet Theatre; 5.20, "Steve Donovan, Western Marshal"; 5.30, "The New Adventures of Captain Jack"; 5.40, Newsweek; 5.50, "Playhouse Fifteen"; 6. Am Not Alone; 6.10, "Callin' Card"; Presented by Jack Brown; 6. The Unexpected; "House of Shadows"; 6.30, Cantonese Feature Film—"Blood Stained Gold"; 11. Late Night Film; 11.30, News Headlines, Weather Report and Announcements. Close Down.

China Mail Entertainment Guide WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

KING'S & PRINCESS: "Jeanne Eagels." Kim Novak and Jeff Chandler in the Roaring Twenties.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA: "Adorable Creatures." Martine Carol and Danielle Darrieux in a saucy French film.

ROXY & BROADWAY: "Kiss Them For Me." Cary Grant, Jayne Mansfield and Suzy Parker. Four riotous days of leave.

STAR & METROPOLE: "Enemy From Space." More Science-Fiction.

HOOVER & LIBERTY: "The Seventh Sin." Eleanor Parker, Bill Travers, George Sanders and Jean Pierre Aumont. A powerful drama with a Hongkong setting.

LEE: "The Bolshoi Ballet." Galina Ulanova at the Covent Garden.

RITZ: "Hellcats Of The Navy." Ronald Regan. US submarine operation.

CAPITOL: "Gunfighters." Randolph Scott in a Western.

ORIENTAL: "The Curse Of Frankenstein."

MAJESTIC: "The Deerslayer." Lex Barker, Rita Moreno in an American classic.

ANTHONY FULLER FILM REVIEW 'ENEMY FROM SPACE'

FOR those who like their science-fiction combined with a dash of horror, there's a fine sample of the specimen headed their way in the form of a film called, "Enemy From Space," now showing at the Star and Metropole, released through the United Artists people.

The picture stars Brian Donlevy as a nuclear physicist who discovers a mysterious laboratory in England populated by strange beings from outer-space.

When Brian Donlevy and a young assistant go to investigate a mysterious plant several miles

to the north of the one at which they are working, they are treated roughly and Donlevy is forced to leave, while his assistant is held captive. When he reports to the police, he is brushed aside with the explanation that it is a secret Government operation, any they cannot interfere.

Even Scotland Yard is inclined to cut him short, but he prevails upon his friend, Inspector Lomax (John Longden) to help him investigate the plant personally and they discover to their horror that a terrible force has been released upon the world a very good choice for science-fiction fans.

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SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

LESSON IN HOW TO END TRAFFIC JAMS

Brussels. Belgium's Minister of Public Works, Omer Vanaudenhove, is smiling contentedly after showing a group of British road experts how his country has solved its traffic problem.

Mr. Vanaudenhove proudly showed off his inner circle road which was only a paper plan when Nasser nationalized Suez, but which today speeds motorists from one side of Brussels to the other in 20 minutes. It took £7,000,000, some 5,000 workers, including Greeks, Italians, and exiled Hungarians, plus the incentive of the 1958 Brussels International Exhibition.

Coming in from Ostend, motorists used to hit the family bottlenecks of any major city. Two hours was the average time to clear Brussels.

"Right, we will fly over and dive under the bottlenecks," said Mr. Vanaudenhove. Twenty-one months later four tunnels and a mile-long fly-over were built. Two months ago Mrs. Vanaudenhove cut the ceremonial ribbon and traffic began to fly over her husband's inner circle at the rate of 60.000 vehicles a day.

Britain's Latest Airliner Shapes Up For Service

London. Britain's new big turbo-prop airliner, the 400 m.p.h. Vickers Vanguard, is making good progress. In the works at the old Brooklands car racing track at Weybridge are the first three Vanguards which are taking shape in what is believed to be Europe's most advanced aircraft-building "stocks."

While aircraft designers worked for two years producing 60 possible aircraft before the Vanguard was decided upon, 300 draughtsmen worked on the design of the jets and tools with which to build the airplanes.

Forty of the four-engine "double-bubble" 80-100-seater airplanes are to be built—20 for British European Airways, 20 for Trans-Canada Airlines.

£40 MILLION ORDERS

These orders are worth more than £40 million, and the Vanguard is expected to be as popular an airliner as the Viscount has been.

Side by side with new Viscounts—250 of them worth £28,000,000, have already been delivered and about 120 are still to be built—the Vanguards are growing daily.

Already, as the fitters piece it together, it is possible to get an idea of the size of the vast freight hold under the floor of the passenger cabin.

—(London Express Service)

A New Science Emerges For Farmers

London. Science, fighting Nature, has found a way to raise a farmer's profits by increasing the growth of his animals, bringing them to maturity at an early age and building up weights.

Among experts there is still doubt about the method. There always is—since scientists seldom agree.

AMAZING

BUT a new science known as opotherapy is having amazing results. Hormones specially prepared to retain vitamins, enzymes and amino-acids are mixed with animal feeding stuffs on a controlled basis. Results: In three-year trials in New Zealand on sheep the weight of fleeces increased from 8lb. to 9½lb.

In England, where fleeces are lighter, the yield went up from 8½lb. to nearly 9lb.—in some cases up to nearly 9½lb. All of which meant an extra 4½d. a lb. for the sheep owners because it was proved that the texture of the fleeces was greatly increased.

Now the treatment is being applied to cattle and chickens in Britain. Result: cattle reached maturity five months earlier than normally. Chickens lay 277 eggs a year instead of 207.

£500,000 Idea Saves Millions

London. Scientists at Harwell have sold around £550,000 worth of radio-isotopes at home and abroad.

Radio-isotopes are one of Britain's new exports. Total sales are rising at an average rate of 10 p.c. a year. It is estimated they are saving world industry between £80 million and £100 million a year.

By giving out tiny signals, isotopes tell engineers about everything from wear on tools to leaks in water mains.

NEW USES

They also help to measure paint thickness, to sort out coal and shale at a pithead, and to check the density of tobacco in cigarettes.

Every year, hundreds of new uses are found for radio isotopes. How much do they cost? Anywhere between £3 and £2,000. Dangerously? They only need a few sensible precautions, claim Harwell men.

In return, they save time, money—and tempo. They have a big future in the world's industries.

—(London Express Service)

U.S. COTTON GOODS MARKET

New York, Dec. 15. New business in cotton goods remained on the quiet side this past week for the third time in a row.

Retailer and whole-saler pre-occupation with Christmas business, and the ensuing inventory taking period at end-of-the-year helped to keep a damper on new commitments.

The subway strike, which crippled transportation in the metropolitan area for most of the week, was another handicap.

FIRM

The market maintained a firm undercurrent, with some mills making prices of the better 80-square-foot old print construction. The mill attitude continued to reflect the rise in raw cotton loan costs, plus a belief that a number of important consumers still have to cover on a large percentage of first and second quarter requirements.

Spinnings reported subdued activity in both cotton and rayon yarns. Prices on cotton counts continued firm in line with the rising raw cotton.

In insulating yarn, the section moved generally higher. Tinged cotton yarns, however, continued depressed.—United Press.

Iron Age Steel Production Figures

New York, Dec. 15. Steel production this year will "barely top" 113 million tons, against 115 million last year and the all-time record of 117 million in 1955, Iron Age said today.

This year's figure represents a "bitter disappointment" to the mills, the magazine stated. They had expected a fourth quarter upturn to carry output to level equal to last year's figure.

Instead orders dropped sharply and the mills were forced to cut back operations.

Still, the authoritative trade magazine said, the steel picture is not so black as the short-term outlook appears.

This year would be the third best in steel's history, the magazine noted. And the continuing reduction in steel users' inventories is laying the groundwork for a healthier market condition in 1958.

Iron Age said mills now are resigned to a "sluggish" market at least through the first quarter of next year. "At that time there may be a pickup in demand from the auto companies. The mills figure Detroit will want to build up an inventory of cars in advance of auto labour negotiations."—United Press.

Bank Of England Statement

London, Dec. 15. The Bank of England statement for the week ended Dec. 11, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation... 2,000,010,160
Public deposits... 10,223,542
Private deposits... 275,147,520
Government securities... 242,415,372
Other securities... 44,023,337
Receipts... 21,800,000
Ratio... 7.5

Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Dec. 15. The Bank of France statement for the week ended Dec. 5, reads as follows:

—United Press.

BUSINESS WORRIES ABOUT MANY FACTORS

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Dec. 15.

Recession psychology appeared to spread in the United States this past week despite evidence of some weakening of inflationary tendencies.

Business worried about many things. There was the prospect of some further easing in sales. Competition is expected to stiffen, barring the way to any price boosts. This in turn could mean slimmer profits.

Complicating the outlook also is the growing consumer buying caution as the factory week declines and incomes drop. Meanwhile there was the prospect of labour strife next year as major unions mapped plans for higher pay, more fringe benefits.

Management, on the other hand, hit by rising costs and lagging demand, is expected to resist any upward revision in wages.

With the recent currently on licking deflation rather than inflation, the most encouraging development was a further easing in the money market.

Reflecting the drop in the discount rate (now at 3 per cent) on November 14 some interest rates tended lower this past week. Just eight weeks ago the average yield on Treasury 91-day bills hit a new 24-year high of 3.600 per cent.

Yield

This past week the average yield on a similar issue was 2.991 per cent. The last time the rate fell below 3 per cent was in May when it was 2.809 per cent in one week and 2.694 in another.

For the first time in more than a year, prime utility bonds were priced below four per cent, a 30 million issue of Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. being sold at 3.97 per cent. Commercial paper rates were also slashed ¼ point on all maturities.

While businessmen hoped that lower interest rates would spark a new surge of activity, they nonetheless continued to make more sober appraisals of the future. Consumer buying caution—possibly more so than any other factor—is giving many of them the jitters. With production facilities outpacing demand, any further cutback in buying would be that much more catastrophic.

Consumer spending has been a bulwark in the U.S. economy ever since the end of World War II.

Bad News

The bad news in this connection was the government report showing that unemployment as of mid-November had risen to the highest level in seven years. Joblessness increased by 700,000 over the previous month, bigger than any one-month increase in employment figure now stands at 3,325,000.

Meanwhile, the factory work week eased by 0.3 hours to 39.2 lowest for the month since 1949. Compared to year-ago levels, factory employment is now off some 625,000.

In the all-vital auto industry, there were new layoffs at a time when production should normally be rising. Leading manufacturers reported curtailed schedules, and layoffs running into the thousands. Auto sales are running into buyer resistance in some instances and there are increasing reports of some price-shedding.

The lag in consumer spending habits has been particularly apparent in buying on credit. During October, there was a drop of only 17 million in outstanding consumer credit, smallest month-to-month hike during the year.

Caution

The cautious approach to the future has not been confined altogether to the consumer, on whom economists are counting heavily to keep things humming in 1958. It has spread to business also. Business loans by banks in major cities since September have eased by some \$50 million, in sharp contrast to a rise of about \$1 billion in the corresponding period of 1955.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, Dec. 15. It was a week well plastered with sensations.

First sensation was the startling success of British Petroleum's polite request that investors furnish them with 41 million sterling of new money. Their specific terms were attractive, but they must have been staggered when they found 615 million sterling urgently pressed upon them.

The paper work involved in this is so great that dealing in their new convertible bonds cannot start until next Tuesday.

And this was in a week in which people seemed to be saying: "Oh, this oil business is getting too risky—I am getting out." And get out they did. Royal Dutch shares fell 17 shillings 6 pence, Shell Transport fell 4½. British Petroleum itself fell nearly 2½.

The second sensation was that caused by the chronic excess of her imports over her exports, which fell from October's 70 million sterling to 22 million sterling, the lowest since the Suez mix-up temporarily cut down imports.

The November export figures were certainly high, but that is recognized soberly as due to the rise in British prices than to an increase in actual volume. Britain it seems generally agreed—has not yet solved her trade problem.

CONFUSION

Partly owing to the confusion prevailing among the experts who advise investors, there was a "safety-first" movement out of industrial stocks into British Government bonds, which lifted War Loan 2½ to 2½ 1½, compared with its 1957 low of £60 ½ and its early high of £75. Old Consols gained nearly every day.

Blue chip industrials were generally up by a shilling. An exception was the well-battered Rolls Royce, which fell 1½.

Germans were erratic with the Dawes Loan—both assented and non-assented—down £1, while the non-assented of the Young Loan and of the 5½ per cent Poles both rose £1. Japanese, after their recent boomlet, were heavily sold with the non-assented of the 1910s and the 1924s, both down 1½ sterling and several others down 1 sterling or ½ sterling.

An exception to this trend was Tokyo 5 per cents, whose assented and non-assented both rose ½ sterling.

Dollar stocks were marked down rather heavily, in step with Wall Street's decline—the Dow average was down in the week from 447 to 440—but there was still some demand for dollar stocks and the premium merely eased from 9 per cent to 8½ per cent.—United Press.

GOLD BAR MARKET

Zurich, Dec. 15. The gold bar market showed a firm tendency during the week to December 12 on some revival of demand, while offerings remained limited.

Trading with the Middle and Far East was fairly active. Dealings with South America were on the usual scale. The turnover on the gold coin market was limited and prices tended to ease.—China Mail Special.

US Raw Cotton Exports

New York, Dec. 15. Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in sales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1957-58 season through Dec. 10 were as follows:

Britain... 201,232
France... 249,661
Ceylon... 629,330
Sri Lanka... 123,150
Canada... 1,793,330
Total for period last year... 3,200,230
Same period last year... 3,200,230

—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$70,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HSBC	330	640	10 @ 63½
East Asia	270		72 @ 27½

INSURANCES	
Lombard	32½

SHIPPING	
Wharfedale	4.40 @ 6.50

POCKETS, ETC.	
Providence	11.30 @ 11.70

LAND, ETC.	
HSBC	14½ @ 14.60
HSBC	32½ @ 33
HSBC	13.5 @ 14

RUBBER	
Amalgamated	1.32 @ 1.37 @ 1000 @ 1.35
Trust	1.25 @ 1.35

UTILITIES	
Yamutai	22.50 @ 27
Electric	23.20 @ 23.10 @ 25.20
Tel.	23.20 @ 23.10 @ 25.20

INDUSTRIALS	
Cement	27.20

STORES, ETC.	
Dairy	10 @ 16.40
W. Crow	14 @ 14.30

INVESTMENTS	
HSBC & FE	0.60

Invest ... 0.60

India Will Continue 5-Year Plan

Rourkela, Dec. 15. Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, said here today that in spite of the foreign exchange position India would continue building the three steel works which are part of her second five-year plan.

Mr. Nehru was visiting the Rourkela steel works—one of the three at present under construction—which is an Indo-German venture. He was accompanied by the visiting Burmese Prime Minister, U. Nu.—Reuter.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	5.93
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.51
Australian notes (per £1)	12.65
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	13.65
Siam (per 100)	28.25
Singapore (Straits)	1.91

N.Y. Cotton Market Review

By WILLIAM T. PLUNKETT

New York, Dec. 15. Cotton futures climaxed a week of gradually rising prices with a sharp rally in the final session of the period.

At Friday's close the list ruled 42 to 50 points—\$2.10 to \$2.95 a bale—higher than the preceding week.

All deliveries from July forward surged to new seasonal highs, with new crop months developing independent strength as sellers became cautious and buyers more aggressive.

FACTORS

Price-lifting factors were found in 1. A low government crop estimate; 2. The rising purely trend; 3. Expectations for a higher government loan rate next season; 4. A growing belief that any farm legislation enacted now could not be operative before 1959; 5. The overwhelming approval of continued marketing controls expressed in the recent producer referendum.

Foreweek interest divided between the government's final crop estimate of the season and evening-up operations in the December delivery.

The government crop estimate of 11,010,000 bales came 789,000 bales, or 6.6 per cent under the previous estimate. The reduction had been expected and the market effect had been discounted, traders said.

The low ginnings made a deeper market impression. Through Nov. 30, ginnings totaled only 8,039,000 running bales against 12,380,000 bales to the same time last year.—United Press.

USSR STEEL PRODUCTION

London, Dec. 15. The Soviet Union has produced 50 million tons of steel thus far this year, Moscow Radio reported today.

This is two million tons more than the steel production figure announced for 1956. (The United States produced 104,620,000 tons of steel.)

Russia's goal in steel production for 1960 is 88,300,000 tons. The Soviet hopes to raise the output of steel to 100-120 million tons a year in the next 15 years, the Radio said.—United Press.

NAMESAKES

Answers:—1 Poetical, 2 Hilda, 3 Monastery, 4 Devotion, 5 Admonition, 6 Song, 7 Creation, 8 Caedmon (First English poet).

SHIP BEN LINE

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H.E. Visits Hay Ling Chow
Ying Wa Girls School Play Presentation
Foundation Stone Laying at Kei Oi School
Quarry Bay School Play at Queen's College
Farewell Party at Y.W.C.A. for Lady Grantham
A.S.F. & O.C. & N.T.W.A. Presentation at Govt. House
H.E. Takes Salute at Police Review at Government Stadium
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

By Air
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Macao, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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Peking, Shanghai, Kuning, Hankow, Hsinchew, 8 a.m.
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By Surface
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Canada, U.S.A., 9 p.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Formosa, 9 a.m.
Japan, Canada, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Formosa, 9 a.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Philippines, Italy (Netherlands & Germany, Far East direct), 2 p.m.
India, Pakistan (Macao via Bombay), 3 p.m.
P. India, Persia (via Karachi), 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

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Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

By Surface
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Formosa, 9 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Formosa, 9 a.m.
Malaya, Aden, Middle East, France, Netherlands, Germany, Persia direct, 3 p.m.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS SUPPORT

GAILLARD National Congress Approves Ministers' Actions

Paris, Dec. 15.
Threats of a split in M. Felix Gaillard's coalition Government faded tonight when the French Socialist Party's National Congress approved the Party's support of the Government.

The Council passed a motion approving the way in which the Socialist ministers, party leaders and parliamentarians had carried out the instructions given to them by the Council at its last

meeting on November 3. The motion was approved on a card vote by 2,102 votes to 808 with 254 abstentions.

The internal opposition in the Party led by M. Gaston Deferre, Mayor of Marseilles and former Minister of Overseas, did not press for the withdrawal of the Socialist ministers from the Government.

The Council also adopted unanimously a motion adding the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour (CGT) to the list of bodies to which Socialist Party members may not belong.—Reuter.

ARAB STATES MUST BE CONSULTED

Amman, Dec. 15.
Foreign Minister Samir Rifai warned today not to make any decisions concerning the Middle East without consulting the Arab States.

He told newsmen "any decision taken respecting Arab problems without consulting the Arab States to find out their views and demands will not be considered by these States."

Rifai said that the Jordanian Government's interest in the Nato conference focused on the Middle East question.

He said that King Hussein and other Arab heads of state, among them King Feisal of Iraq, recently discussed the Nato conference.—United Press.

GIRARD ON WAY

San Francisco, Dec. 15.
William Girard and his Japanese wife, Haru (Candy), will arrive at San Francisco on Monday from Tokyo.

Condemned to a three-year suspended sentence by a Japanese court last month for having killed a 46-year-old Japanese woman, Girard is en route to Fort Sheridan for discharge. His enlistment expires on January 27.—France-Press.

DEMOCRATS LEAD IN ELECTIONS

Bangkok, Dec. 16.
Right-wing Democrats have taken the lead in 11 out of the 12 seats so far in the counting in Thailand's second general elections in 12 months.

Left-wing candidates are reported to have fared badly in the polling yesterday which followed the recent ousting of Field Marshal Phibul Songgram's Government.

The Army which ordered the elections nominated 123 seats in the new Parliament. The remaining 160 seats were contested by 813 candidates. More than 400 of them independents and the rest representing 19 parties.—Reuter.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN

By A China Mail Reporter

Ladies of the American Women's Association Workshop Group gave a Christmas party to 50 young girls in the Boys and Girls' Club premises at Southern Playground this morning.

The excited youngsters who were under the supervision of Miss Christine Chow, club leader, played guessing games and wore paper hats or floral crowns they had made themselves.

The room was decorated with strings of odd-shaped balloons and a flashing Christmas tree, frosted and festooned, added to the festive atmosphere.

Several ladies under the leadership of Mrs. R. J. Newton, distributed presents, cakes and sweets to the children who skipped to their seats, scattering sweets and dashing back to retrieve them, amid general merriment.

A dexterous scarf dance was performed by versatile little Kwong Oi-kwan to an accordion accompaniment by Mr. Peter Tsang, Organising Secretary of the BGC Association.

Ladies of the Group teach needlework and handicrafts there weekly and Mrs. B. R. Emery said her Cantonese-speaking daughter-in-law was having great success with English lessons given to the girls every Tuesday afternoon.

MANSFIELD DEMANDS PENTAGON SHAKEUP

Washington, Dec. 15.
The Senate Democratic whip, Mike Mansfield, today called for "a shakeup at the Pentagon" to do away with service "politics" and bring about greater efficiency and co-operation between the armed forces on the missile programme.

Mr. Mansfield said the Defense Secretary, Neil McElroy, had made a good start "with a new broom" at the Pentagon and "it would be hoped that he would keep on swinging it."

Senator Mansfield said he hoped Mr. McElroy would "do away with the politics which seem to be inherent in the military organization inhabiting the Pentagon, and that out of this organization... would come a greater degree of efficiency."

Mr. Mansfield said Dr. James Killian's appointment was "a rather glum" through the American people to make them believe that a car has been appointed. "Actually, he said, Dr. Killian is not a car and 'he does not have control.'"

He said the inter-service rivalry in the missile programme was continuing.—United Press.



Mr and Mrs Mark Robson (see story below).—China Mail.

ACTORS WANTED FOR HONGKONG BRITISH FILM

By A China Mail Reporter

Mr Mark Robson, the famous Hollywood film director, flew into Hongkong from Bangkok this morning. His reason for being here is that Twentieth Century-Fox is about to make a large scale British production entitled "The Inn of the Eighth Happiness."

This film will star Ingrid Bergman who will be arriving here at the beginning of March. The production, which has a very large cast is to be filmed in Cinemascope and Technicolor. The film is taken from the book, "The Small Woman" written by Allan Burgess. Mr Robson is here to see if he can find about 50 Chinese actresses and actors to take speaking roles in the film. He emphasised that he is looking for interesting people, preferably with acting experience, who can speak some English.

From Hongkong he will make his way back to England via America in order to cast the English actors for the film.

The British production unit will be arriving in the new year to set about location problems and shooting sites. The decks and godowns will form the locale for the film, and our local people will be asked to co-operate in this connection.

Should Mark Robson be unable to find the personnel for his film locally, he will bring some Oriental actors from England. Asked about his travels in connection with this film, Mr Robson answered that his journey could be described as a sprint chase round the globe, but that he would be in Hongkong only so long as his duties permitted before returning here for the business of shooting the picture.

Mark Robson will be appearing on TV tonight in "Calling Card" when he will be saying something about this important production.

It is easily the most ambitious film undertaken in Hongkong so far, and is part of that process.

THREE BODIES RECOVERED

Singapore, Dec. 15.
Three bodies have been recovered from the wreckage of two Canberra aircraft which collided and crashed on a pineapple plantation in south Johore last Friday. It was reported today.

Three Canberra bombers were on their way to Singapore from Britain to replace a Venom jet squadron.

Two of the planes collided in the air and plunged down to earth. Squadron Leader Christopher Blount, a former officer of the Queen and his navigator, Flying Officer F.M. Dugham parachuted down to safety.—United Press.

PHYSICAL TRAINING DISPLAY

A physical training display will be held by the New Method College on Wednesday under floodlight in the evening at the South China Athletic Association stadium, Caroline Hill. The Hon. Kwok Chan will officiate at the opening ceremony at 8 p.m.

This is the 7th sports meet of the NMC and the third held under floodlight by the school. Included in the programme are mass drill, children's games, folk dance, Indian club drill, the "Gold and Blue" march, gymnastics, scarf dance, torchlight dance and combination drill. The performance will be participated by over two thousand boys and girls.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Why should train fare and lunches be such a problem, dear? Simply quit smoking, buy a car with that money and drive home at noon!"

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Early Morning

Intruder Caught

An unusual noise woke up Mr Wong Wai-long early on the morning of December 3 and when he looked out of his window from the fourth floor of No. 23 Ma Tau Kok Road, he saw a man hanging on to a parapet.

Mr Wong raised the alarm and the intruder worked his way back to where he had come from and descended by climbing down a drainpipe.

On reaching the second floor, the man entered an open window.

The thief was caught by the occupants of the floor and was handed over to the Police. This morning, the intruder, Cheung Chun-kee, 25, unemployed, faced a charge of housebreaking before Judge R. H. Mills-Owens at Kowloon District. The story of his exploit was told by Inspector T. W. Wheeler who disclosed that the accused had several previous convictions for similar offences. Cheung was given three years by Judge Mills-Owens and was also placed under Police supervision for three years.

CONSTABLE ON DRIVING CHARGE

A police constable, who was found guilty of driving without due care and attention, was fined \$150 or the alternative of three weeks in prison by Mr Thomas Tam at Central Magistracy this morning.

The prosecution stated that the defendant was driving a police van along Pokfulam Road from East to West on October 2 at 5.20 p.m. Near the Chung Ying Middle School, defendant tried to overtake a car. The van hit the offside of a bus which was coming from the opposite direction. Both vehicles were damaged.

Passing sentence, Mr Tam warned the defendant that he should understand the serious nature of the offence and he should set good example to others as he was a policeman. However, Mr. Tam said, "I'll give you a light sentence in view of your clear record."

After Mr Tam fined him \$150 for the offence, defendant said that he had not so much money to pay as he had earned very little salary.

Mr Tam then asked the defendant how many days he had to take to pay the fine, defendant replied, "I should not be fined that much."

Mr Tam, however, offered him the alternative three weeks in prison.

Defendant's licence was ordered to be endorsed.

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A WARRANT has been issued for the arrest of Lam Kong, who was employed as manager of the Fo Hing Cheong Firm of Connaught Road on a charge of fraudulent misappropriation of a sum of \$25,200 last December.

Although winning the major number of games, the YMCA were beaten in aggregate by the Lincolns in a billiards match at the "Y" on Tuesday night, the Regiment scoring 754 points to 759.

An auction bridge match was played between the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Sports Club at King's building last week, when the Peninsula players won by the overwhelming margin of 5,274 points. This is believed to be a record win by either club since these matches were started.

A small lot of racing ponies including some Australian were sold at the Happy Valley racecourse paddock at an auction conducted by Messrs Hughes and Hough Limited. One horse, Gallant Fox, was sold to Mr A. V. Harvey, for \$800.

The decomposed body of a Chinese, approximately 40 years of age, was discovered on the foreshore at Nim Wan in the Ping Shan District. The circumstances and the condition of the corpse give rise to suspicions of murder having been committed. The body had apparently been washed ashore by the tide.

Mr W. S. V. Curtis, manager of the Duro Pump and Engineering Company, was summoned before Mr Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy for unlawfully exhibiting four seals on Kowloon Island Lot 2153 without a permit from the Building Authority. Curtis was cautioned.

THE Rector of Stiffney, the Rev. Harold Davidson, has been prosecuted for exhibiting himself in a barrel on the Blackpool sands while "watching over a young girl fastening in another barrel." For the exhibition Mr Davidson is said to be receiving a salary of £500 a week. After promising the magistrate at the local court that he would refrain from similarly exhibiting himself again, the Rector exhibited himself in a house where a charge of weapons was made for admission. Thousands of holiday makers besieged the house and the road outside became impassable and the Rector was persuaded to leave. He was followed to his lodgings by an angry crowd.

More than 400,000 worth of diamonds and precious stones were seized by the Police, and a French citizen and a Chinese were arrested, following investigations made by the Police regarding the smuggling of diamonds into Shanghai on a large scale.

The Central British Association is holding its first social function of the season in the Central British School Hall tomorrow night. The affair will be a "Flannel Dance" commencing at 8.30 p.m. and finishing at 1 a.m.

The bodies of six members of the Bourbon dynasty, including the French King Charles X have been transferred from the vaults at Schoenbrunn Castle to the "Franciscan monastery of Castelmusviza, near Goetz, at the instance of ex-Empress Zita. The coffins were removed from the monastery which was in the firing line, during the War.

London: China's first train ferry, built for the Chinese Government on the order of the Chinese Purchasing Commission in London at a cost of \$70,000, was launched at Newcastle on October 12, by Mrs. Quo Tai-chi and named the "Changshang". The vessel will go to Nanking early in the New Year, under its own steam, and commence service a month or two later when the bridge approaches are ready.

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